



Stronghold Ministry's Monthly Newsletter

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Fornear's on The 700 Club

The 700 Club interviewed Joe and Terri Fornear about Joe's miracle healing of advanced melanoma. Search for "Joe Fornear" on www.youtube.com.



Healing Prayer Meeting

3rd Tuesdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Dallas Bible Church
15765 Hillcrest Road
Dallas, TX 75248

We meet on Tuesday the 19th this month. Call 214-221-7007.

Why I Support Stronghold

-by Mike Wolverton

Stronghold Ministry is a specialized ministry that meets the spiritual and emotional needs of cancer patients and their families or caregivers. Joe and Terri's journey through the pain, struggle and eventual healing of cancer, as written in great detail in Joe's book is what drew me to Stronghold. I have known many people over the years that have suffered, or had loved ones who suffered, and died from cancer.

Cancer is a terrible disease, yet our amazing sovereign God chooses to use it for His glory. Somehow He draws people to Himself through the suffering and pain it causes. This is Stronghold Ministry at its core, a resource of hope and encouragement for those who are most vulnerable and could easily lose hope.

With a disease as severe as cancer, it can be very easy to just give up or continue to struggle in one's own strength. Stronghold Ministry not only provides resources that give hope for healing from cancer, but makes known the divine resources that are available from the One who is our hope. I consider it a blessing to be a part of Stronghold, and to see and hear firsthand how God is touching so many lives that are in need of hope and healing.

Joe and Terri are each uniquely gifted in the way they minister through



Mike, Johnna, Zack, John

Stronghold. It is a real encouragement and testimony to see how the Lord has chosen to use them through their struggles and victory over cancer.

My wife Johnna and I both consider it a real blessing to have Joe and Terri in our lives. They have ministered to us through Bible study, community group leadership and wise godly counsel. They are both extremely wise and gifted in applying God's Word to the ups and downs of everyday life as the Lord uses them in a powerful way to minister to many people.

Thank you for partnering with Stronghold and helping Joe and Terri impact lives for eternity through the ultimate Healer and Stronghold of our lives, Jesus Christ.



Stronghold Ministry's Healing Prayer Service

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Testimony Time

This month we share the fight against kidney cancer of **Lou C.** His wife **Lori** writes

Last fall an MRI confirmed my husband had a growth on his kidney, likely to be 90% cancerous. The medical jargon on the lab report made my stomach turn into knots. “There is a large solid mass arising from the lower left pole of the kidney” — those words sounded like a horrific prophecy — like evil was about to take power and seize control of my life. Although I tried to be strong on the outside, inside I felt shock, fear and intimidation. I thought about the Old Testament example of David who courageously faced the giant Goliath because he knew God would give him the victory. However, I felt like I could barely keep my head above water, let alone face the enemy with confidence.



Lori, Matthew & Lou C.

The next step was to see an urologist who explained my husband’s tumor was confined to the kidney. Following the surgery, not only did the tumor prove to be cancer, it was classified as an aggressive type. We were pleased to hear no further treatment was necessary since the tumor had not spread — later we found out this was not the case.

In less than two weeks my husband ended up in the ER due to post-operative bleeding. While there, they ran additional tests and a CT scan showed some nodules on his lung. The doctor was unable to give a diagnosis and recommended more tests. In spite of this, the surgeon assured us it was nothing to worry about. Five months later, our primary physician sent my husband for a PET scan. It was positive for lung nodules. I felt like I would never wake up from the nightmare.

A needle biopsy was performed. Remarkably, only a slight increase in activity was noticeable since the previous scan. This, I believe was the result of many, many prayers. Based on a comparison of the two scans, he said the cancer was “slow growing.” I was beginning to feel peace as I remembered our Lord’s promise that He would not give us any more than we can bear.

Since our journey with cancer began, eight months ago, the Lord has faithfully provided an extra measure of grace to bring us through each day. I was discouraged to find so much negative information regarding kidney cancer on the internet, but the Holy Spirit prompted me to look for Christian ministries that would help my family spiritually and give us hope. I came across Stronghold Ministry. Joe and Terri’s testimony have been a great inspiration to my family. When I contacted them for prayer, Joe quickly responded with an encouraging note. A couple weeks later, we received a generous gift package in the mail. God continues to use this wonderful ministry to bless, encourage and strengthen our faith.

The battle is not over, but I am amazed at the spiritual lessons God is teaching me with every challenge. I cannot help but think of the key to David’s success in fighting the giant Goliath — his God-given ability to see the situation from the Lord’s perspective. Who is Goliath compared to Almighty God? Thus, looking at cancer under the microscope of God’s powerful Word, it’s not so scary after all.

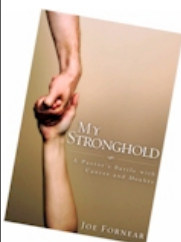
We would appreciate your prayers for my family, especially my husband Lou and our son Matthew (*seen in the photo*) who has autism. We will know more by midsummer when they do another CT scan to see if the medication is working. As always, we are putting our hope and trust in the Master Physician who holds all life in His hands.

My Stronghold

Visit our website for more on Joe Fornear’s story and book about his cancer battle, *My Stronghold, A Pastor’s Battle with Cancer and Doubts.*

www.mystronghold.org/My-Stronghold.html

If you’re a cancer patient or caretaker, we’ll send the book at no cost. Simply write and tell us your story.

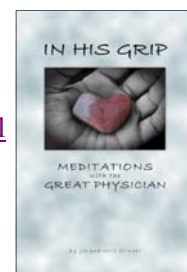


In His Grip

Terri and Joe Fornear’s new devotional with short encouraging lessons on their cancer battle, *In His Grip, Meditations with the Great Physician.*

www.mystronghold.org/In_His_Grip.html

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Stronghold Prayer Wall



Please join us in prayer for these warriors

Stronghold is reaching out to these individuals who are fighting cancer, or are survivors, and a few have other serious illness. We believe in the centrality of prayer for healing and strength. Will you take a moment to pray?

Mike D	Hudson	Fred	Emily	Harold	Pat	Clayton	Eddie	Casey	Norene	Betty	Bill
Mr. W	David	Dave	Bob	John	Fran	Jim	Karen	Jeff	Mark	Denise	Ed
John	Darlene	Mary	Quentin	Joan	Bryan	Nancy	Jobi	Kimberly	Sharon	Pat	Jim
Bill	Lynda	Joanne	Donna	George	Charlie	Ben	Dennis	Marty	Max	Kevin	Dean
Jon N	Yvette	Marilynn	Christian	Dewayne	Lanette	Robin	John	Carmela	Jeannine	Jim	Nicholas
Gloria	Sean	Johnny	Kathy	Richard	Bob	Suzanne	David	Jan	James	Luke	Jerry
Claudia	Frank	Pat	Toni	Nicole	Kevin	Bryan	Harold	Sherri	Macie	Harry	David
Jeff	Larry	Mary	Gloria	Susan	Eric	Mitch	Don	Sandie	Phil	Tom	Betsy
Carolyn	Lori	Charles	Althea	Dennis	Bob	Ann	Diane	Emily	Molly	Corina	Courtney
Laura	Katrina	Bill	Cathy	Pamela	Judy	Gwen	William	Nicole	Leonard	Karen	Lou
Mary Sue	Gregg	Karen	Grace	Terry Joe	Philip	Serenity	Charlotte	Jeremy	Sharon	Linda	Brandi
Ed	Ruth	Betty	Pam	Chuck	Harry	Henry	Angelica	Cristy	James	Paula	Jared
Milton	Sam	Mr. H	Sandra	Darcy	Ed	David	Jenny	Michael	Bo	Marcia	Sharon
Sara	Pete	Manuel	Steve	Barbara	Mickey	Tracy	Benjamin	Betty	Rob	Jamie	Mark
Rex	Gina	Bob	Cathy	Jamie	Cheryl	Bruce	Sherri	Josiah	Treva	Bobby	Jeremy
Monette	Duke	Nick	Donna	Jackie	Margaret	John	Charandeep	Rachel	Phil	Blair	Diane
Joan	Don	Bonnie	Bonnie	Sylvia	Lori	Marlene	Glenda	Glen	David	Lucy	Todd
Brian	Jack	Misti	Debrah	Brenda	Bob	Ben	Reb	Keith	Jeremy	Betty	Eric
Joanne	John	Kristine	Fred	Tina	Susan	Sherri	Brian	Gale	Ruth Ann	Phoebe	Daniel
Kathy	Richard	Alfredo	JL	Leonard	Gail	Audrey	Richard	Lynn	Karen	Judy	Loree
Sue	Lori	Virginia	Betty	Jodi	Susan	Linda	Melissa	Virginia	Carol	Norman	Mendie
Garrett	Sheila	Linda	Will	Johnny	Lin	Peggy	Eric	Janet	Phil	David	Don
Kathy	Beverly	Vicky	Celine	Itai	Shalundria	Jessica	Jeff	Sandy	Danny	Phyllis	Gary
Peggy	Darlene	Inez	Donna	Ken	Becky	Isabella	Bill	Jose	Sally	Cynthia	Tina
Mr. L	Cheryl	Kate	Phil	Chris	Danny	Elaine	Jane	Allie	Carl	Dawn	Paula
Becky	Karon	Sara	Fred	Tommy	Simone	Joanie	Woody	Elaine	Deborah	Susan	Cassie
Frank	Jacob	Ethan	Anna	Danny	Angela	Liz	Kim	Robin	Denny Gay	Dean	DeLese
Randy	Rebecca	Myrna	Ava	Mimi	Fern	Susan	Charles	Pat	Jacque	Greg	Pat
Sue	Susan	Don	Evelyn	Joe	Charles	Mary	Betty	Laura	Eloisa	Ruth	Jan
Mr. S	Ms. M	Will	Dave	Jimmy	Randy	Dick	Patsy	Larry	Andrea	Brock	Carol
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Priscilla	Sharon	Randy	Lawrence	Carol	Kevin	Lacey	Brendon	Elaine	Tricia	Michael	Lesia
Stephanie	Luke	Carlos	Kathy	Michael	Seth	Adrian	Sonja	Yolanda	Charlotte	Gigi	Katherine
Lynne	Nancy	Mike	Sheryl Sue	Debbie	Nina	Daniel	Cecilia	Sarah	Kim	Faye	Ronald
Bubba	Holly	Tina	Gipsy	Beth	Rosa	Angela	Renita	Mary Dell	Susan	Ida	Selvaraj
Althea	Diane	Trista	Jo	Brenda	Kevin	Karen	Michelle	Nancy	Lisa	Marilyn	Gina
Robbin	Allison	Timi	Gino	Julie	Mickey	Robert	Linda	Bobbie	Priscilla	Lorraine	Mary
Correy	Randy	Jordan	Becky	Cheryl	Nikki	Paula	Pam	Lucy	Alice	Quentin	Cheryl
Angela	Nelia	Scott	Kellison	Sara	Carletta	Cole	Ruth	Cheree	George	Judy	Annette
Maryann	Rick	Maria	Linda	Terri	Molly	Claudese	Briana	Jay	Dawn	Juan	John
Bill	Linda	Jack	Joyce	Lilly	Leslie	Mary	Christiana	Larry	Sarah	Ernest	Michael
Tina	Akadrianna	Naomi	Molly	George	Michel	Marci	Corinne	Rosella	Joy	Dawn	Mike
Edward	Janet	Matthew	Dee Ann	Martha	Sheila	Christi	Pege	Bob	Ray	Luke	Janie
Dianne	Julie	Lori	John	Susan	John	Darlene L.	Samantha	Ruth	Mildred	Steve	Bill
Vicky	Delora	Kristen	Maura	Rita	Stephen	Jim	David	Anne	Stephanie	Phil	Meranda
Stephanie	Kathy	John	Leon	Peter	Cindy	Mark	Mrs. R	Joe	Kelby	Cheryl	Ava
Judy	Sherry	Leonard	Ann	Kay	Martha	Sarah	Jennifer	Maurice	Mary C.	Tom	Ronald
Terri	Matt	Penny	Cynthia	Junie	Robert	Steve	David	Carmen	Twila	Mike	Stanley
Megan	Mike	Betty	Dallas	Bob	Florence	Ron	Agit	Trisha	Robert	Lori	Aaron
Ruth	Mildred	Lisa	Wayne	Carolyn	Diana	Lenna	Gene	Brandon	Brad	Brian	Richard
Hank	Anne	Mechas	Kathy	Helga	Sam	Amy	Jim	Jamie	Raymond	Tim	Chris
Tony	Fred	Phyllis	Taylor	Jim	Jeff	Sandra	Saundra	Darlene	Linda	Mary	George
Melody	Kaye	Mike	Keith	Mark	Mike	Patricia	Chris	Deb	Cheryl	Bud	Donna
Susan	Lois	Hal	Jon	Lana	Will	Charles	Charlotte	Ria	Bill	Rob	Keith
Joseph	Gracie	Frank	Clark	Sheryl	Susan	Janet	Debbie	Lorinda	Ravi	Bill	Jim
Michael	Tom	Evelyn	Don	Barbara	Joe	Grace	Margaret	Carolyn	Julie	Dan	Marge
Robert	Johnnie	Mary	Joe	Mark	James	Ester	Rockie	Roderick	Karen	Steve	Fritz
Mike	Linda	Tina	Sheryl	Gail	Gayle	Dina	Maxine	Sue	Sharon	Maureen	Joe
Debra	Maurice	Rachel	Kenedy	Peggy	Elizabeth	Chris	Kate	Mary	Angelica	Tom	Brenda
Michael S.	Gary	Steve	Amy	Bunny	Tommy	Rick	Kathleen	Jeff	Gina	Ed	Richard
Debbie	Pat	Kim	Cindy	Beverly	David	Gino	Jeffrey	Dale	Kelly	Susan	
Barb	Dylan	Carol	Pearl	Brenda	John	Dave	Ilaria	Billie	Chuck	Jan	
Kent	Carolyn	Rob	Dale	Laura	Peck	Andrea	Brian	Jim	Stacy	Michelle	
Ted	Rusty	Andre	Phil	Deborah	Tim	Wendell	Ken	Ray	Clyde	Gillian	
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Susan	Agnes	Jessica	Vicky	Adrienne	Karen	Robert	Linda	Andrea	Kelly	Peggy	

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