

# Maggie

Firstly, I want to say that if you are ill or suffering, my wife Sarah and I feel your pain too. We want to share Maggie's wonderful story of healing to spark a flame in your heart to believe that God does care about you, especially if you are suffering. We want you to know that his love, his forgiveness and his healing are real.

## Healed of sciatica

We met Maggie walking her dog in the same park as us. Unfortunately, she had sciatica and was in a lot of pain. Over a few weeks our friendship grew, and we started walking her dog for her at weekends. She invited us round to say a prayer for her and her husband Jim, who has dementia. After a few lovely visits we offered to pray for her sciatica and my wife Sarah laid her hand on her back as we prayed. Maggie said her back felt really warm and she felt the heat flowing around the area of her pain. It was a beautiful few minutes as we prayed together and Maggie was visibly touched by God's presence. Afterwards, she got up and walked around, laughing at how much better she felt. This powerful experience happened a few times before she felt fully healed. She cancelled her expensive weekly trip to the chiropractor, and her relationship with God was re-kindled.

## Healed of cancer of the bladder

Early in 2018 Maggie was having problems passing urine, and her doctor thought she had an infection and prescribed antibiotics. The pain didn't go away, and she was understandably nervous at her hospital appointment. When her doctor rang to ask her to bring someone with her for the results, she feared the worst. She was diagnosed with cancer in December 2018, aged 86, having two aggressive tumours in her bladder. In 2019 she had 4 operations, and several more in 2020, to shave off the rapid growth from the tumours, as the cancer came back each time. During this time, she was also diagnosed with a tumour in her eye.

Encouraged by her full healing from sciatica, and the tangible sense of God's presence when we prayed together, we were all keen to see what else God wanted to do. Each time we prayed Maggie would describe how she felt his healing flowing through her body, saying that she sensed his loving arms around her.

After a few weeks she noticed 'a good flow' when she spent a penny! She had an operation booked to remove the cancer in December 2020, and by the time she went into hospital we were all believing that God had fully healed her. As they wheeled her to the operating theatre, the nurse asked her what she was whispering, and she replied 'I'm singing a hymn', such was her sense of God's presence with her in that anxious moment.

A week later, the consultant rang her on her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday to give her the good news – there was no sign of cancer! She felt so blessed and was saying: 'I feel like I could paint the ceiling, like I've been purified. I feel like I have an inner glow, and I want others to touch me so they can feel it'.

She was encouraged by Psalm 103 and kept her Bible open at the psalm for several weeks.

Her relationship with God and her faith in Jesus has naturally deepened, and she is finding the grace and strength to cope with looking after her ill husband. Thank you, God.

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