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Living Amazed

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Scripture Theme: When they saw the courage of Peter & John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. - Acts 4:13

Matthew 12:22-23 Then they brought him a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute, and Jesus healed him, so that he could both talk and see. All the people were astonished and said, "Could this be the Son of David?"

Mark 9:15 As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

Psalms 139:13-14 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Luke 2:47 Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.

Psalms 120 – Psalm 134 The word 'ascent' means a step, or an upwards climb. The 'Songs of Ascent' is the ancient title of a collection of 15 Psalms (sacred songs). They begin at Psalm 120 and concluded with Psalm 134. While the journey is uphill and challenging the Psalms are embedded with amazement & hope.

Mark 6:51 Then Jesus climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed.

2 Timothy 1:5 I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

Mark 1:27 The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching – and with authority!"

Colossians 2:6-7 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Matthew 19:25-26 When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Matthew 25:37-40 Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'

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Acts 2:7-8 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?"

Mark 2:12 Jesus heals a paralytic ... This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Isaiah 43:4 Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you.

Jesus Calling - Sarah Young (6/20)

I speak to you continually. My nature is to communicate, though not always in words. I fling glorious sunsets across the sky, day after day after day. I speak in the faces and voices of loved ones. I caress you with a gentle breeze that refreshes and delights you. I speak softly in the depths of your spirit, where I have taken up residence.

You can find Me in each moment, when you have eyes that see and ears that hear. Ask My Spirit to sharpen your spiritual eyesight and hearing. I rejoice each time you discover My Presence. Practice looking and listening for Me during quiet intervals. Gradually you will find Me in more and more moments. You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me above all else.

Becky's Story



- Becky was diagnosed on May 14th 1999 with Neuroblastoma – a childhood cancer.
- Becky was scheduled for surgery May 17th to remove grapefruit size tumor located on her adrenal gland above her right kidney
- Surgery was not able to be completed; tumor was too involved with major organs in her body including heart, lungs and liver.
- Biopsy was taken during surgery and complete diagnosis was given a couple of days later.
- Becky was diagnosed with Stage 3 Neuroblastoma with negative histology
- We were told Becky had less than a 20% chance of survival.
- Becky was the first child at Duke Children's Hospital to participate in a clinical trial that had only been done at St. Jude's and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.
- Before Becky was even able to begin therapy the tumor grew to a size that blocked off her stomach and so a G-Tube and J-Tube were surgically inserted to provide nourishment.
- Becky's cancer protocol included the following:
- June 1999 through October 1999 – Becky received six in-patient rounds of chemotherapy. Each round consisted of five days in the hospital followed by another one to two weeks of admission because of fevers. So total of around 80 days in-patient at this point.
- Upon completion of the six rounds of chemotherapy, tumor had shrunk to the size of a coffee bean, so surgery took place to remove the remaining tumor.
- Surgery took nine hours to scrape off dead cancer cells on many of her organs. Her right kidney had to be removed due to significant amounts of necrotic tissue left behind from the tumor. This left one kidney to endure the two stem cell transplants.
- After surgery Becky was then scheduled for two back to back stem cell transplants.
- Becky received her own stem cells which they had harvested in late September.
- Becky began her first stem cell transplant mid-October, 1999. We were in-patient on the Children's Bone Marrow unit for six weeks before she was well enough to go home.
- Becky's second stem cell transplant began early December, 1999. We were in-patient this time for seven weeks before she was well enough to go home.
- Becky then began out-patient radiation in late February 2000. Her radiation treatment was for thirty days – every day except Sundays. She received radiation at 8:00 am and 3:00 pm each day. She had to be put to sleep each time so that she would hold still.
- Becky then had to complete a drug therapy treatment for the next two months.

Becky experiences the following issues due to her treatment:

- Becky's remaining kidney is challenged because of having to endure all the stem cell chemo agents on its own. She has Chronic Renal Insufficiency – Stage 3 as a result, and because of this diagnosis Becky was unable to grow to an average height for young women. Becky is 4'7" tall.
- Becky suffers from significant high-pitch hearing loss due to several chemo agents she received. She is supposed to wear hearing aids, but this has been a challenge. Her speech development was also impacted.
- Becky's teeth suffered greatly due to the timing (her age of development) when she received the chemotherapy. Eight of her adult molars never developed. The remaining adult teeth are rooted very shallow and will likely need to be replaced at some point. She has an amazing dentist who has been able to give her a beautiful smile while we wait and see what will happen with the teeth that are still in her mouth.
- Becky is on estrogen therapy to maintain a normal level of estrogen for a young woman. Her ovaries were damaged by the chemotherapy and radiation. She likely will never be able to have children. Would be very dangerous simply based on her size, and whether her ovaries will ever produce viable eggs.
- Becky will continue to be followed by a nephrologist and endocrinologist for the remainder of her life.
- Becky has been cancer free for seventeen years!!!

Becky's life has certainly been a journey of challenges and blessings. It has changed us in so many ways, some we can't fully comprehend. God's hand has been present throughout. In June Becky graduated from high school and this fall will attend North Carolina State University.

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