

## Testimonies:

**Elder Christiana M. Russell:** Precious Saints, I want to thank those of you who prayed, sent cards, texts and kind words of encouragement. The Lord kept me through a difficult battle with stage 3 Metastatic Breast Cancer, which is a very aggressive form of cancer. By God's grace, I made it through chemotherapy and surgery (which involved a mastectomy and removal of 5 lymph nodes under my left arm).

I am so happy to say that my pathology report came back NEGATIVE for any more cancer!!! This means no more chemotherapy and no need for radiation!! Because of the goodness and mercy of the Lord I am CANCER FREE!!

Due to the serious nature of the stage 3 breast cancer, I still have to undergo two more surgical procedures which involve several months of healing and recovery.

Please continue to keep me, Elder Eric, Heaven and Faith in your prayers. The enemy has attacked us in many different ways, but the Lord brought us out as a family. It is such a comfort to know that the Lord is still on our side! Again, thank you for your continued prayers!

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**Sister Kathie Thornton:** Hello Bishop Smith, I am a living witness that Pastor Paulette Harrison, is truly a woman of God. She prayed for myself and the ladies on my job. There were so many things God led her to talk about, which proved to be true. My granddaughter had been experiencing some things I was not aware of, and as soon as I started to tell my daughter, she said, "Mama I already know." My daughter over-heard my granddaughter talking to her dad about how she was feeling, and it really had her sad. Through this experience, we realized how sad she really was.

Thank you, Bishop, for your GOAT (greatest, of, all, time) in Pastor Harrison. I would first like to thank God for the great gift He has given her. Pastor Harrison prayed for the ladies on my job. The owner of my company has a three-year-old son who could not talk; he expressed everything with his hand. She took her son to various doctors who couldn't find anything wrong with him. Once Pastor Harrison, your woman of God prayed for him, he started to talk. Hallelujah! There was dancing and tears of joy everywhere! God is truly shining through Pastor Harrison; she has such a great gift. I thank God always that He put her in my life so many years ago. She is such a great blessing! Thank you again Bishop Smith!

**(Editor's Note:** Sister Katie Thornton worked with Elder Paulette Harrison, Pastor of Prince of Peace in Jacksonville, Fla. many years ago at DUWM Diving Underwater Mechanic. The events of this testimony happened on May 30-31, 2020.)

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**Elder Christiana M. Russell:** Praise the Lord Saints! As many of you know, about a year ago I was diagnosed with Stage three metastatic breast cancer. It had spread to my lymph nodes and began the process of creeping into my bloodstream. Metastatic breast cancer is a very aggressive form of cancer, and I immediately began to undergo chemotherapy treatments.

After five months of chemotherapy, 17 rounds of hormonal suppressive cancer treatments, and five extensive surgeries, the Lord has given me the VICTORY! As of today, October 7, 2020, I am CANCER-FREE! My last scans, blood tests, and pathology reports revealed, NO-MORE



**EVIDENCE OF DISEASE!!!** God is a good God! It has been an extremely difficult year for Elder Eric, me, and the girls, but the Lord kept us. In the midst of COVID-19, and all the unrest and uncertainty in the country, the Lord kept me by His power!

Time would not permit me to tell it all, but one day I will share what the Lord has done for me. Thank you to those who prayed, called, sent texts and encouraged me along the way, I sincerely appreciate it.

Again, God is a good God and He has been good to me. All of my doctors and medical team marvel at the goodness of the Lord. My oncologist said to me, "I have never seen anyone look this good so soon after everything that you have gone through," all I could say was, "God is good." With sincere gratitude,

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**Minister Zach Thomas:** Praise the Lord! This is an update on Minister Rebekah Thomas. When she was first admitted to the hospital, the doctors said she had preeclampsia and would stay in the hospital until they delivered the baby since they didn't think that they could get her blood pressure to normal levels. The doctor's made it very clear that it was highly unlikely that she would be able to go home without delivering the baby early.

The Lord moved for us and gave Minister Thomas a healing in her body causing her blood pressure to return to normal. They discharged her on Friday, October 30, 2020, so that she can spend the rest of her pregnancy at home until it's time to deliver the baby.

We want to thank all the saints for their prayers, and all the emails and texts of love and encouragement that we received. The prayers of the righteous truly do avail much. The Lord was truly on our side. Thank you all and God Bless.