



Peter Wagner Continuing to Improve After Open Heart Surgery!

Day 4 of our "Miracle" Devotions!

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Dear Joy-Abounders:

Thank you for your continued prayers for Peter. He is moving forward on a path of healing, so let's continue to agree for his full recovery. Click [HERE](#) to allow this short video from this morning to encourage you in your prayers! Below are additional details from Doris:

We have passed the 24-hour mark after Peter's massive open heart surgery. He did well overnight but was still coming out of the affects of anesthesia. By mid morning his speech had improved and he was able to pass a swallowing evaluation and eat a light breakfast. They have removed some of his monitoring lines and he sat up in chair for a short period of time. The plan is to ambulate (walk) him this afternoon. Chest tubes are still in place for another day or two. Also, an external temporary pacemaker is controlling his heart rate at the moment, which is normal for his surgery. Again, these next few hours and days are crucial. Please continue to pray:

- *Increased strength and for the anesthesia effects to wear off*
- *Minimal pain, so far his pain is managed*
- *No nausea, so far he has had none*
- *Minimal bleeding from chest tubes, so far so good*

Overall Peter is exactly on schedule and all is going well or better than expected for this type of massive open heart surgery. Let's stay vigilant! Please also pray for the family for strength and rest.

Day 4 "Miracle" Devotion!

Shatece McLeod shared the latest of our Hanukkah week devotions. As you read this, declare that your joy will abound!

Joy is an extension of miracles. This "now" season is pregnant with joy despite the chaos that is all around us. The birth of Jesus was during a time of chaotic pandemonium, yet the birth of this miracle baby brought ecstatic joy to the earth. We continue to celebrate the miracle of Jesus' breaking through into the earth and releasing a joy that cannot be contained.

The connection of miracles and joy is undeniable. When someone receives a miraculous healing, our first response is usually joy. It is exciting to both witness and experience a healing which the enemy was trying his best to convince you that would never happen, BUT GOD! Yes, joy quickly overtakes you. What about that marriage, friendship, or relationship that appeared to be going

nowhere? Suddenly, the Lord breaks on the scene because you miraculously had a change of heart, uh, huh. Doesn't that fill you with joy? Of course it does, I can go on and on listing different scenarios that are miraculous situations.

However, I do want to stress the latter. We can become miracles by simply a change of heart. A change of heart leads to a change of perspective. When you see differently you move differently bringing about the needed results that ultimately produce joy. The Lord wants us to be His miracles this season in order to produce His results and unleashing His joy. Miracles are elements of celebration and celebration spurs joy!

Let's be that miracle gift by doing a "miracle shift." MERRY MIRACLES!

Blessings,

Chuck D. Pierce

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