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I was not surprised when Dr. Lawson told me that we might be experiencing a miracle. After all, we are acquainted with a God of miracles. We have seen minor ones as well as some that we considered major in our family. Sometimes we forget that the big ones are no harder for Him than the little ones. It was on Monday of this week, and I had just had my second completely clean chest x-ray. The tumors were nowhere to be found. I am scheduled for a brain MRI in September to see if the Melanoma cells are still on my brain, but they were found almost a year ago, and even if they aren't gone, they aren't doing much. I feel great, and I am carrying on more activities than the average 77-year-old – or so I am told.

Many of you are familiar with the daily devotional book, *My Utmost for His Highest*, authored by Oswald Chambers. If you have it, go to August 2, and read *The Discipline of Difficulty*. His verse of scripture is John 16:33. He says “the average view of the Christian life is that it means deliverance from trouble. It is deliverance in trouble, which is very different.” He explains that “if there is no strain, there is no strength”. We tend to think of no pain, no gain in a physical sense, but it is also true spiritually. We have had troubles for a while – I date them back seven years to hurricane Katrina, but there has been more sanctification in my life during those seven years – yeah, I know, I still have a long way to go – than in all the years of my Christian walk.

Hundreds of people have prayed for me, many who I don't know, and some that I do know, but had no idea that they were praying people. Am I out of the woods yet? Nope. For most folks, a pimple means acne. Most of mine seem to be Melanoma, disguised as acne, and I have one now that will be examined. No matter what happens now, we have already had a miracle. Thank you for your Prayers!

One of my dearest non-believing friends said; “If God heals Gene, I am joining The Church of The Apostles.” Well, I am not going to put pressure on him to join, but I think there has been enough healing to insist that he at least visit the church with me once.

“To God be the glory, for the great things He has done.”