



Thursday, 12/1/16

## HOPE WAITS THROUGH THE NIGHT

READING: Psalm 130

Over the last several years I have encountered a multitude of medical issues either for my self or for my wife. Within a month of being married we discovered that my wife had a cardiac issue that required a pacemaker / defibrillator to be placed in her chest. The next year, I had a ladder collapse with me on it and that required three shoulder surgeries to repair the damage to my shoulder. The following year, I had to undergo a knee replacement surgery and its subsequent recovery. In this last year, I have been diagnosed and treated for an aggressive prostate cancer which involved radiation for five days a week for nine consecutive weeks as well as a drug regimen that will continue into next year. Add to that the discovery and treatment of skin cancer, a need for surgery on my other shoulder and possibly back surgery (again). One could say “you have been given a streak of bad luck” or something along those lines and that is where this scripture comes into play for me, for us.

Through all of the trials those surgeries have and will put me and my wife (yes she is just as much impacted by all of these events) through, we have never been without hope and we have truly had to wait upon the strength, mercy, forgiveness and blessings of our Lord. It has been much more of a soul battle than a physical or mental battle. Today I am still waiting, yet have a peace and sense of purpose made stronger by all of these happenings over the past three – almost four years. Psalm 130 shows us how to wait for the Lord to come while we endure our trials through times when it seems darkness has fallen upon us. How are you waiting today? May it be filled with a desire for the presence of the Lord and filled with Hope in the promises He provides.

-Bob Ingram

