

I Am A Disabled Christian - I Am A Person With "West Nile"

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I am a person with "West Nile." This testimony is dedicated to Christ, my wife, my family and to my friends. I became sick with "West Nile" on August 8, 2006, almost died in the first two weeks, and became paralyzed possibly for life. The date of this testimony is September 21, 2010. God has chosen this trial and testimony for me for His Glory. **John 9:1-3: "And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made known in him."**

I am a person with "West Nile." I know you wonder what has happened and why. I see at times your frustration, and I understand. Many times I cannot give you answers to your questions. I cannot give you great strides in development that you may desire. I cannot give you understanding as to why. *My God will do that later.* **Romans 9:20: "O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him (God) that formed it, why hast thou made me thus?"**

I am a person with "West Nile." I cannot walk. I am a tri-plegic. I do not move easily anymore, always confined to a wheelchair or air bed, a lift to hoist me from one place to another. If I want what's on the shelf or table, I find everything is 1 inch beyond my reach. I do not drive anymore, but have plenty of advice. I cannot mow the lawn, vacuum the rug, cook, set or clean the table, do dishes, put on my clothes or take them off, do repairs on my home or car; including filling it with gas. **My wife is a humble servant of the Lord to me.** In addition to Christ, I am dependent on my wife 24 hours a day for all my ways and needs. She must get up a minimum of 3 times a night to help me. Oops, I've dropped something again, who will retrieve it? I am in a store, but the aisles are too small for me, or people rush by me like I do not exist. My wife holds my song book and Bible at church for me. I must bring a ramp to enter another's home. I type with 1 finger; I used to use 10 fingers. I am not able to use both hands to lift any item. I spill food on myself at home and in restaurants. I live with pain 24 hours a day. I have met many people who are in more serious conditions than I, and I pray for them. *However, I can still praise the Lord with my mouth and talk and preach of Him who gave all for me.* **Psalms 88:10-11: "Will You work wonders for the dead? Shall the dead rise and praise You? Shall Your loving kindness be declared in the grave? Or Your faithfulness in the place of ruin?"**

I am a person with "West Nile." I want to grant you the freedom to enjoy me as I am today, not as you want me to be tomorrow. Christ has told me not to worry about tomorrow; He will take care of the future. **Matthew 6:34: "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."**

I am a person with "West Nile." I pray that my trial and disability for Christ will cause both you and me to understand what is really important in life. To understand how much your arms around me mean. To understand my dependency on you for help. To understand how very precious this life is, and not taking things for granted. To understand about forgetting your own needs, desires and dreams as you help others and give of yourself. To understand my hope, joy and faith through Jesus Christ my Savior. **Acts 16:31: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you shall be saved."**

I am a person with "West Nile." Yes, after almost 2 years of being isolated at home, now in the 3rd and 4th year of "West Nile," the Lord has allowed me to preach His Word again, go to church most every Sunday, continue as an Elder, and encourage God's people with a computer and one finger. I want to encourage you as I smile each day in my trial of disability because this trial is temporary you see. Jesus has taught me to say through this song, verses 1 and 4, **It Is Well With My Soul.** *"When peace like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like the sea billows roll; What ever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It Is Well With My Soul. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall resound and the Lord*

shall descend, even so, ***It Is Well With My Soul.***” This song was written by a Christian man, Horatio Spafford, who lost 3 daughters in a ship wreck in the Atlantic Ocean in 1873.

Jesus gives peace through His promises

Jesus will never leave me.

Hebrews 13:5-6: “I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper.”

Jesus while on earth showed His love and healing power as He told John the Baptist in prison that He was the Christ proved by His credentials.

Matthew 11:5: “The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.” Yea!

Jesus personally shall do the following for all who believe in Him.

Revelation 21:4: “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” (Forever)

Jesus greatest promise: “eternal life.”

John 3:16: “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

I am a person with “West Nile.” I am a “Born Again” Christian
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