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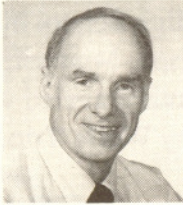
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The report in early December that the doctors had found cancer in my liver was not something I wanted to hear. I was feeling better than anytime since my surgery in July 1990. The night before I had played an hour and a half of hard basketball with the old gang. The tumors on my spine and lung had responded to the earlier radiation and to the intense prayers of the body and had disappeared. I was ready to get on with life. Now this.

I told the church that Sunday I felt like the man in Amos 5:19 who fleeing from the lion meets the bear, finally reaches the safety of his house, only to be bitten by a snake. Yet we stand where we have stood--full of confidence that the Lord will be victorious in this battle as well. I am to live, not die, and proclaim His works and Word.

Michael Thompson told the church he felt this time the brunt of the battle should be borne by the church. That night I met with the elders and they anointed me with oil and prayed. Many in the church are fasting and praying. We are trusting God.



That same week, I got a letter from my old friend, DeVern Fromke, who knew nothing of this latest attack. He wrote that as he prayed for me, "I felt I heard the Lord recalling to mind the very unusual experience of A. B.

Simpson when he moved from claiming healing to living daily by His life. From that time they said that Simpson emphasized 'health' as the

daily portion of those who wear the bridle of the Spirit. There was always enough supply of grace for all God wanted--but none for fulfilling his own pursuits."

We have entered into this next phase of treatment and healing believing that God wants all his children to walk in health. I am grateful for family and church which surround me. God is shaking us all to bring us to a place of total dependence upon Him. We may not like the shaking but the results will be wonderful. It is the only way any of us will ever survive as we enter a future which is not only uncertain, but crumbling around us. God wants us to be more than survivors. We are to be Overcomers.

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