

Allow me to share something very personal. The Phinneys are facing their own hurricane of sufferings. I am very sad to say that the love of my life, Karen, has stage 3 ovarian cancer. We went into Urgent Care on September 2 with the possibility of a urinary tract infection and left the hospital two days later with the diagnosis of cancer. It has been devastating to our entire family. We are not strangers to the enemy of cancer, as our son fought for his life with Large Cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma 23 years ago. Karen begins chemotherapy on September 14 for 12 weeks and then will have surgery to remove two large tumors in her abdomen, along with a hysterectomy. A second round of chemotherapy will follow the surgery.

The comments I shared about why good people suffer fit us perfectly. We want nothing more than to have a strong dependent relationship on our Lord. We want, more than words can say, for God to shape us into His perfect image. We want nothing more than for God to be glorified and to see people come to Christ because of the suffering that we will endure. It is worth it, if some will come to know Him as Savior. Please pray for us. This hurricane of suffering may do damage, but God is in control and we trust Him completely. We love you all and now we need you.

*Pat & Karen Phinney*

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