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It has been exactly two years since God placed us on this journey of faith in our battle against Karen's cancer. Two years! It seems like an eternity in one way and in another, it seems like yesterday. We honestly thought and believed that God's miraculous healing and resolve would have come by now, so what are we to think as the battle continues?

Paul said in Ephesians 5:17, *"Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."* So, how can we walk wisely through this trial and know the will of God for our lives? The will of God is explicitly revealed to us in the pages of Scriptures. It is God's will that we be saved (2 Peter 3:9); Spirit-filled (Eph 5:17-18); sanctified (1 Thess 4:3); submissive (1 Peter 2:13-15); suffer for His name (1 Peter 3:17); and be thankful (1 Thess 5:18). As we live out these principles in our lives, then will not God grant us the true desires of our heart? Let's keep asking then, "God, will you heal my wife of cancer, but only if it is pleasing to you?"

Honestly, things have not changed much since the August update on Karen's health. On August 13, she had her third immunotherapy treatment and then will have her fourth on September 3 at Mayo Clinic. Why is the fourth completed cycle of Keytruda and Azacitidine (oral chemo) so important? It is because the oncologists are able to see (after 10 weeks of treatment), if in fact the clinical trial is actually working. Prayer warriors, it is vital that you pray strong between now and September 17. It is on that day at Mayo Clinic that Karen will have a "tell-all" CT scan. If it shows regression, then Karen will be blessed to continue the trial. If it shows a progression of cancer of 20% or more, then they will pull her from the trial. We certainly do not want that!

As always, we only want God's will for the miracle of healing. We are trying to surrender to His authority over us, so we continue to ask for healing. Will you continue to join us on this journey of faith?

*"Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act."*      *The cry of David's heart in Psalm 37:4-5*

*Trying to rest in God's will,  
Pat and Karen Phinney*