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*We've Got
Connections!*

*And He has said to me,
"My grace is sufficient
for you, for power is
perfected in weakness."
Most gladly, therefore, I
will rather boast about
my weaknesses, so that
the power of Christ may
dwell in me.*

11 Corinthians 12:9

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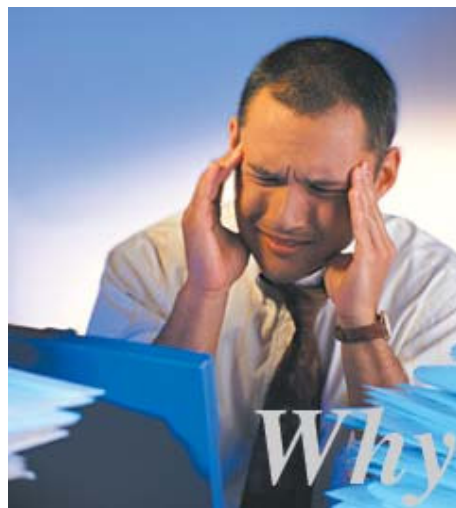
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The Headaches of Life

This may not be a particularly compelling way to begin an article but *this article is written for my own benefit*. You are welcome to read over my shoulder though. There is precedent for this. David in the Psalms continually wrestled with the struggles God ordained in his life. I know, I know, my articles don't compare to the Psalms. My articles are often much longer, huh? I'm kidding - Psalm 119 is *really* long.

But Why?

Anyway, Lord, I'm going through the ringer and I am trying not to hate it. I know You realize Your servant—that's what I call me—has spent many valuable work hours in



the last two weeks knocked out on the couch with a stupid headache. With my histoire, however, I never have a "stupid" headache. Could be the cancer coming back, so wisdom dictates I be extra cautious – right? All this time wasted with doctor appointments. Too much money on scans. What about the time required to mess with the insurance? I still need to finish the paperwork from tests triggered by a previous false alarm cancer report last August. Is this really how You want me to spend my time?

This is not to mention that I feel like the boy crying wolf. The doctors haven't found anything medically wrong with me. So I ask myself – are you sure it really hurts – maybe its all in my head – but yes it's really in my head.

Doesn't Make Sense... to Me

One last thing, did Terri and I really have to spend another night last week with the upsetting news of *another incorrect doctor's report* that cancer had returned – this time to my head? So what good comes from all this seemingly pointless struggle?

Then You remind me ...

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

You have a point there so I should just trust Your judgment?

You continue ...

–"I have chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and I have chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong" (1 Corinthians 1:27).

Thinking I'm wise, I embraced the foolishness of the world, that activity equals progress. Déjà vu - I admit this is a recurring problem for me. "Down time", or is it "knocked down time", offers the lesson of surrender. Can surrender accomplish what my whirlwinds cannot? No question, if I embrace the concept. So, praise be to God for stupid headaches.

-Joe Fornear