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*Connecting People to
God's Life-Changing
Power*

*We've Got
Connections!*

For God is not unjust
so as to forget your work
and the love which you
have shown toward His
name, in having minist-
tered and in still minist-
tering to the saints.

Hebrews 6:10

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Five Years And Ticking—Thanks!

Man I'm grateful to be writing today. My article-writing days were supposed to have ended soon after April 29, 2003. That was the day the cancer doctor told me I had "days to live." He told the nurses to "keep him comfortable." They said, "there is nothing more we can do for you." Glad I got A Second Opinion.

Dodging A Bullet

Now I can't blame the doctor for figuring my case was terminal. The writing was on the wall, ceiling and floor. Once melanoma slips past lymph nodes, it's usually a major problem. My case of melanoma was advanced fourth stage too, spreading to 12 different sites including lung, kidney, stomach and two on the pancreas. I had a huge patch of cancer in the lymph nodes of my pelvis and the growth spread through my pelvis and eventually fractured one of my ischium (sitting) bones. I lost 60 pounds and was literally on the edge of death. But as my doc said then and will tell you now, the turnaround was truly "a God thing". So from a human standpoint, I should not be here.

My Story = Our Story

My story truly belongs to all of us at Fellowship Bible Church White Rock and to many friends and family who prayed

and battled and believed. The Lord definitely used so many of you to bring about my healing. Without your spiritual counterattack on my cancer, I wouldn't be here. Of course, the alternative wouldn't have been so bad for me. But, obviously the Lord wanted me to remain here. I am very glad too, because heaven lasts forever, and I want to grow old with my wife and kids. Plus, the window for making an eternal impact in this life is short enough already.

Five Year Anniversary!

They say when you hit the five year anniversary of being cancer free, you're basically "out of the woods." If you get cancer again, it's a new case. Though they told me the cancer returned twice and

suspected it came back twice more, the miracle has held. As I consider the ongoing whirlwind that has been my health in these last seven years, I am touched by the love of God I have discovered through this church, friends and family. You have patiently endured all the drama and supported me despite all my weaknesses. So I want to extend my appreciation for your support, love and kindnesses, not just during my cancer, but always, you have been such a blessing to me!

-Joe Fornear



**It is the living who
give thanks to
You, as I do today.**
Isaiah 38:19