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CAN WE TRUST GOD?

“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.”

– Psalm 20:7 NIV

Trust means different things to different people. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, trust can mean the firm belief in the character, ability, strength, or truth of someone or something; or it can refer to a person or thing in which confidence is placed.

We put our trust in different areas on a daily basis. We trust that our car will start in the morning, and we trust that our banking system will continue to work as intended. Even our U.S. currency has an inscription on the back that reads “In God We Trust.” But do we really? If you answer yes to that question, my next question is, “How much?”

Chemotherapy treatments are known for wreaking havoc on your body. As explained



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to me by my oncologist, the theory of chemotherapy is that it completely kills both good and bad cells.

The goal of chemo is to wipe out the body's broken immune system entirely. Once that happens, the body is allowed to restart, the hope being that the immune system comes back and works correctly. In a healthy immune system, our body understands how to kill the bad, cancerous cells. However, when our immune system is broken, it does not recognize the bad cells (cancerous cells) and allows them to grow rampant, as was the case for me.

The white blood T-cells, produced within my bone marrow, were growing rapidly and overproducing. My immune system was supposed to prevent that from happening, but it was broken. My white blood cells were being overproduced by the minute, with the excess being collected and stored within my lymph nodes.

The theory of chemotherapy treatments for cancer reminds me of a similar treatment we use to fix the average household computer. Sometimes, when our computer freezes up or stops working correctly, we use a hard reboot to see if we can get it to start working correctly again. Just like with a hard reboot, the downside of chemotherapy is that the immune system may not restart correctly and remains broken.

The other downside of chemotherapy is that when our immune system is completely wiped out, for a period of time, our body is dangerously exposed to the simplest germs and colds that, to a person with a normal immune system, are no threat. For someone with no immune system, it can mean certain death. During the next six months, I experienced both types of risks that almost killed me.

*We can trust God never wastes a
hurt to accomplish His will.*
