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Hello and welcome,

Today it is not an accident that you are listening to this broadcast. It is a divine appointment. I think you will be very blessed. Last broadcast I introduced you to a special guest speaker. Her name is Julie Christianson. Julie was raised in a Christian home and accepted Jesus as her Savior at an early age. I met Julie because she was a guest speaker at a Bible study I attended concerning heaven. As many of you know I lost my baby brother and his wife in less than a year apart recently. I have also had so many friends and listeners that have suffered the loss of a loved one. In addition, many have lost loved ones around the world due to Covid-19. There was questions in my mind about what happens when we cross over and the afterlife.

Well Julie has actually had that experience and her story brought great comfort to me and I believe it will be of great comfort to you. So here is Julie again with the rest of the story.

Let's pray before we get started. Jesus we just ask that you anoint every word spoken and open the hearts of those listening to what the spirit is saying to their heart and please be the God of comfort to everyone that needs your help today.

In Jesus name, amen.

God walked with me through this whole experience. His hand was present in so many ways. My mom had taken my kids to eat dinner just before the emergency transpired so they were spared witnessing such an event. He prompted me to pray and to express to my husband that something was wrong. He gave me grace to live longer on this earth to raise my children. He gave Trent and I a stronger appreciation for our marriage and the preciousness and brevity of life. We could hardly look at each other for weeks without tearing up. He drew us and others closer to Himself and gave me a deeper passion to share his love with others and to be bolder in my witness.

The day following my surgery, I was visited by a friend who I had shared my anxiousness with prior to the surgery. She brought me a devotional book she had prayed for me and I turned back one day to the date of the surgery. The thought for that day read, **The Lord WAS my support!** It recited **Psalm 18:2, "The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge."** God truly WAS my support and the one who delivered me from the snares of death. His words pierced my soul with deeper meaning, including **John 16:33, which tells us that in Him we will have peace, in this world we will have trouble, but He has overcome the world."** And...

**Romans 8:28, 38 that tells us that God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose...and that nothing, not even death nor anything else will separate us from His love.**

*When preparing to share my story previously, God showed me a situation he beautifully orchestrated around this event regarding another person I had noticed while in the spiritual state. There was a woman in a business suit who had stood observing from the back of the room. I noticed her attire and name badge and felt compelled to see her as well after the experience. She was a supervisor and very kind and wanted to assure me that I was going to be ok after the ordeal. I had a chance to share with her my story and my faith. For a time period, I didn't make any other connection of who she was until reviewing my medical records 6 years ago and then I read her FULL name on the hospital report and it carried new meaning. In 2011, her family moved next door to us, although I never saw her in person because she passed away the week they moved in. I knew she had been a nurse and hospital administrator. When I looked back at the notes I had written just after my surgery, God allowed me to connect the dots.*

When I found out of her passing initially, I was saddened that I hadn't had the chance to meet her and share my faith. But as God later revealed, I actually HAD met her 3 years before her family moved next door and had shared my faith with her much more powerfully than I would have as a neighbor welcoming her to the neighborhood. I was also able to connect with one of her sons and share with him my experience and my conversation with her.

**God** put it on my heart to call the hospital to thank the ER doctor once again for his role in saving my life. I left him my written testimony in hopes of sharing with him the One who can give us eternal life. The person who answered the phone when I called that day...6 years after this happened...was the same ER Nurse who was standing against the back wall of the room looking on that day. I was also able to reconnect with him through facebook recently. I pray God continues to touch lives through this experience and that I have yet to see what all he set in motion on that day 12 years ago.

In telling about my near death experience, I wanted to share some of the application that God has shown me. While considering what God had done through my ordeal, I heard Chuck Swindoll talk about living a "meaningful life" stating that **purpose, fruitfulness and forgiveness all begin with grace. And that grace is not only for salvation but for facing each day.**

**2 Peter chapter 1** tells us, **HIS** divine power has given us **everything we need** for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us...so we are to add to our **faith - goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love** in increasing measure, so they will keep us from being ineffective and unproductive in our knowledge of Jesus...and so we will receive **a rich welcome into His eternal kingdom.**

Living a purpose filled , fruitful life begins with a relationship with Jesus. We are not promised tomorrow Here in This Body, but we are promised eternity. The important question is where we are going to spend eternity... So, talk with someone if you don't have that personal relationship because there is so much more to life than our physical existence!

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18** encourages us to **not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal."**

Our example is Jesus, who lived his earthly life totally consumed with doing the Father's will. We have been given the opportunity to experience this world through both our physical and spiritual eyes which allow us to see eternal significance and live meaningful lives.

**Jesus told us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind. "**  
(Matthew 22:37)

*I was given an amazing opportunity to experience the spiritual realm - separated from the body - and live to come back and testify to the fact that life absolutely continues through our soul beyond physical life. What we experience in the spiritual nature is more real and remarkable than what we experience in the physical. For the believer, there is an ultimate peace from being at peace with God and found safe in Him and the spiritual existence is absent negative emotions and physical restrictions. The spiritual nature exemplifies **1 Corinthians 13:13, which says, "these three remain: faith hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."** This was evident in how much my soul felt compassion and concern for others in that hospital room. Love transcends the physical existence.*

We are not alone. God walks with us as we travel through the valley of the shadow of death. A shadow is not the real thing. As believers we were buried with Him through baptism unto death and raised to walk in newness of life. As Sandy mentioned, it is from Life to Life for those who are alive spiritually in Christ.

For those who are His followers, we must be intentional about what are we investing in...temporary things or the "good works which God prepared in advance for us to do," (Eph2:10) which will last into eternity. May we live intentionally the purposes God has for us Right Now. Our lives are like a Ripple effect in water...SO, whose lives are we making a difference in? And who will we take with us into eternity?

*Some of you may have heard the first broadcast and this broadcast, but if you were not able to hear both part I and part II of this amazing testimony it will be available on my website [DeborahLane.org](http://DeborahLane.org). You can listen to both broadcasts and it will also be posted under the heading testimonies. So be sure and visit the website and share this great testimony with others.*

*Many of you may have experienced the loss of a loved one either recently or sometime in your life. You may be going through an illness or caring for someone who is very ill. Julie and I are telling her story because we want you to know that there is life after we pass from this life. We want to make sure you have the opportunity to make Jesus your Savior and secure eternal life with Him. If you do not know where you might spend eternity if God called your name today, then please say this prayer with me.*

Jesus I confess I am a sinner. I humble myself and repent of my sins. Please forgive me of my sins. I believe You sacrificed your life and rose again from the dead to secure my salvation. Jesus come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. In Jesus name, Amen.

Thank you for listening and God bless you.

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