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I Have Cancer

Reflection by Dave Nieting

I have cancer. It makes you think of things you never thought of before.

This morning I started my prayer for God to take this cancer from me. It was a suggestion from my sister that to me made sense. The prayer, however, was just kind of jumbled in with a bunch of other thoughts though, in the early morning my mind wanders pretty aimlessly. So, I intentionally stepped back and started again. I wanted to connect with God. I rolled on my back and started to calm the clutter in my mind. In Kevin Costner's film Bull Durham, he called it "clearing the mechanism". I lay back wondering if and how could I connect with God, and if I might be able to talk to him.



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I never found a giant man in my thoughts sitting on a rock. I never found a physical being or some humanoid colossus. What happened was I started to feel love. The earth started to zoom out like Google earth, and I could see love all around the earth like a morning dew coming off a meadow. I continued out and began to remember what I had been told oh so long ago, that God is love. I think in Star Wars they said, "the force". I believe I found God. Now was the time to ask.

I simply asked, "If it is your will, please take this cancer from me." Jesus was very clear that we were to love everybody, and he kind of had a good insight into it. John Lennon knew it. We grew up singing "all you need is love", it will now be stuck in your head today, and that is not a bad thing. Ghandi and Mother Teresa also knew it.

So, there it is. I sent off my prayer like an arrow in the general direction of our Creator, and I rest. I have peace because I believe I rest in his hands. Spread love. Spread God. Peace.