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John 14:21 He who loves Me... keeps My commands... **I will reveal Myself to Him.**"

John 16:33 "In this world you have many troubles. Be of good cheer. **I have overcome the world.**"

Philippians 1:12 I want you to know brothers, that **what happened to me has really advanced the gospel.**

Philippians 4:14 **Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles.**"

TRAINING: 6/13-16 Ginger and I equipped 15 counselors/staff at Gitche Gumee Bible Camp.

They were tested and trained for clarity about faith foundations, salvation, growth, and loving relationships. They impacted 150 young people, many from very broken situations. They will also share this equipping with their families, campuses, churches, missions trips, and beyond.

Our theme: *"Paul's shipwreck seemed like a detour. But God worked through Paul's troubles, reaching many on the ship, and more on the island of Malta. Paul's troubles teach us that God is preparing you now, for how He will use you later."*

15 counselors/staff at GGBC → 150 young people → families, campuses, missions... beyond



TROUBLES: June 17- July 31, Hospitals, Surgeries, Recovering

6/17-19, Calumet and Marquette Hospitals, Kidney stones, stent, infection, Foley catheter, 6/20, spasms/reflux back into kidney, back to Calumet E room.
6/20-23 at GGBC, Immobilized by reflux and infection and catheter
6/23 Friends flew me to Grand Rapids for next medical steps
6/24 – 7/1 Medical treatments for infection, immobilized by pain
7/1-7 Spectrum Hospital; Surgery to remove kidney stone, surgery to open prostate, bad reaction to anesthesia for many days, blood clots in lungs, excruciating pain from infection/catheters, surgeries
7/8-14 Mostly immobilized, blood clots, pain and Foley catheter
7/14-28 stent, catheter removed, lung treatments, very weak, rest, walks
7/29- now; Baby steps, 2-3 more months to regain strength

Any one of these would have been manageable. But **how many at a time, and how long...** Sometimes felt like **six fighters** surrounded me; Kidney stones and surgeries, prostate surgery, infection/catheter, bladder spasms/reflux, anesthesia reaction for days, blood clots in lungs, and more catheters... One time I yelled so loud they heard me down the hall, through my closed door... For weeks, pain, weakness and restrictions required help with everything.

BUT GOD was with me in the ring every moment. HE kept His promises, revealing Himself, comforting, advancing the gospel. More stories ahead.

Happy Birthday! 7/3



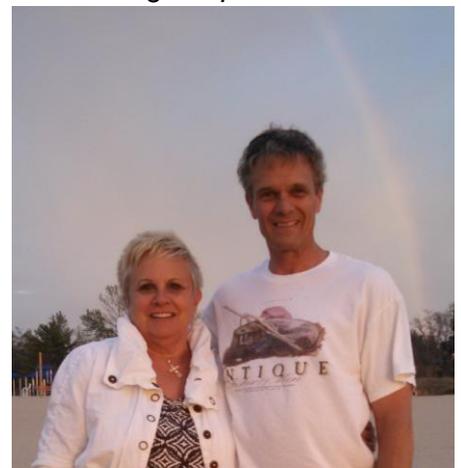
TRUST: Now I feel the pain of cancelled summer plans, the challenges of a long recovery, and big changes for this fall. **But God is in the ring with me. He is working in many ways through what seems like a "shipwreck".**

All this has intensified my love for Him, my passion to help others to know the peace and power He gives, my commitment to equip others more effectively.

THANK YOU for "sharing in our troubles." Please join us in trusting Him to give wisdom, strength, healing, help, for:

- ___ Ministry fruit this year, raising up leaders, reaching lost people
 - ___ More strategic and effective than ever, revising our tools/training
 - ___ Adjustments and catching up needed during the year ahead
 - ___ Strengthen lungs, blood thinner for clots through October?
 - ___ Strengthen immunity after infection and several potent antibiotics
 - ___ Regain strength after many days immobilized, refreshed spirits
 - ___ Resources for large medical expenses and upcoming ministry, (*see below)
- Medical and ministry leaders strongly advise me to take time for full recovery

Trusting His promises



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