



I remember exactly where I was when God spoke so clearly to me. I was driving down Milton Road passing the high school Rod and I both attended many years before. I was praying for God to heal my husband. And God answered.

Now mind you, God didn't speak to me in an audible voice. But He spoke to me with clarity that cannot be denied. God told me that yes, Rod would be healed from the liver disease that was ravaging his body. He would be healed from the disease that had turned his skin yellow and caused his feet to be so swollen he could not wear shoes. From the disease that caused high levels of toxic ammonia in his blood resulting in a foggy brain and tiredness. From the disease that threatened to cause irreparable kidney damage. From the disease that could kill him. The reality was that I could become a widow. But God reassured me that Rod would be healed. But what God didn't tell me was if Rod would be healed on this earth or if he would be healed in heaven.

Sometimes God doesn't tell us what we want to hear. Sometimes, God doesn't answer our prayers in the way we think is best. But God knows what best is and His knowledge of best is different than our human brains can fathom.

***Isaiah 55:8 (NIV)***

***“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,”  
declares the Lord.”***

I may not understand God's thoughts and ways. But God gave me great insight to his love and mercy that day. When God spoke, I was reminded of the promise God has given his children, believers in Jesus Christ. We have the promise that when we close our eyes in death, we will open them to look straight into the face of Jesus. We have the promise of eternal life in heaven where there is no sickness, no pain, no crying, no death.

If God healed Rod on this earth, we would rejoice! But if God's will was not to heal Rod on earth, we had the assurance and comfort that he would be restored in heaven. He would be home with God the Father, and we could rejoice! Whatever the outcome, Rod would be okay! God's answer that day was a reassuring whisper of grace.

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## **2 Corinthians 5:6-8 (NLT)**

**“So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. For we live by believing and not by seeing. Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.”**

## **Revelation 21:4 (NLT)**

**“He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.”**

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