



# NEW HEARTBEAT DEVOTIONS

*“Faith is a very important part of healing. Without it, the will, strength, power and hope of overcoming are lost.”*

## Faith in the Great Physician

*Four years ago on April 30, my heart went into total heart block. Blood was pumping in but not pumping out. I was rushed to the hospital and to the operating table. I was near death but I was not scared. In fact, I was telling jokes in the ambulance, in ER and in the operating room. I should have been unconscious and fearful. But I had faith, that the Lord was watching over me. The doctors gave me a pacemaker that was newly approved by the FDA. It just arrived at the hospital the day before. Without that special one, I would not be living today. I believe without a shadow of doubt that God had that pacemaker planned arriving just for me. I believe that on that day, God gave the doctors the skills that day to save me. I currently, depend on the Lord to keep my battery going 24/7. He gave me a new heartbeat. I am not concerned because I have that faith that God is in control.*

*Some believe that it is always God's will to heal and that if you are not being healed, then you must not have enough faith. In II Corinthians 12, Paul talks about his thorn in the flesh. Many believe this was a physical issue. Three times, he asked the Lord for it to be taken away. “God said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore, I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.” II Cor 12:9,10. Joni Eareckson Tada is another example who pleaded with God for healing. However, God has used her accident greatly for His Honor and Glory. We may not always understand why and may get frustrated, depressed and bitter while trying. But, we can always find trust, hope, peace and joy through faith in the Great Physician.*

*Some think that getting medicine, a blood transfusion, an operation or other medical help from mankind is against or lessens their faith in God and His healing power. However, when they ask God to meet their other needs (food, warmth, housing, money, etc), they actively use the means of mankind to provide those needs. “But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?” James 2:20 If we do not put forth an effort to put feet to our prayers, God will not see that we are serious and in fact, our faith is dead. Yes, some medication can be harmful or addictive and some medical procedures can do more harm than good. That is why we must proceed with prayer, information, wise counsel, good physical practices and obedience in trusted Doctors.*

*I have known several people, who were only given a few months to live for various medical reasons. Even a chance for a miracle had faded. But they had faith that there is a heaven. Faith that they will live in perfect bodies and in a perfect place. Faith that they will be with their loved ones again. “And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.” Rev 21:4*

*You, too, can have that faith and that peace which rests on the assurance that God is in control. Faith that He can choose to heal you through medical means. Faith that healing is more just physical but spiritual. Faith that when these bodies do finally give out, He will give you a perfect body that will live forever in a perfect place called Heaven. “Jesus said, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.” John 11:25*



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*“And Jesus answering said unto them: They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” Luke (the physician) 5:31,32*



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