



Have I not
commanded you?
 Be strong
 courageous. **and**
Do not be
terrified, do not be
discouraged.
 For the **LORD**
your God will be
 with you
wherever
 you go.

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The Gospel according to Big Daddy Z...

What battle are you facing? Do you feel hopeless? Is there a giant in your life that is defining who you are? Well, let me tell a story about my son, a thirteen year old boy named Zachariah Blan, who loved to refer to himself as Big Daddy Z. He was faced with a horrific giant with no hope from the world or medicine.

WHAT IS YOUR GIANT?

In John 16:38 Jesus says, "I have said these things to you so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble but take heart for I have overcome the world."

Zach came into this world July 21st 1997. He was a healthy rambunctious child, who loved life and everything it had to offer. He didn't know a stranger and those who got the chance to know him fell in love with him. He was constantly telling jokes and was always laughing about something. Zach didn't care if he looked foolish as long as someone got a laugh out of it. One day Zach was playing touch football with his friends and the next day a team of surgeons were examining him in a trauma unit. Zach was elbowed in the rib and what Dr.'s suspected was a hematoma turned out to be a cancerous mass. On October 9th 2008 test results confirmed the diagnosis. Zach stood face to face with his giant adrenal cortical carcinoma (an extremely rare form of cancer, one to two in one million will get this type of cancer). This was the beginning of a series of medical testing, surgeries, chemotherapy treatments, blood draws, imaging, and other invasive procedures; which lead to multiple hospital stays and marked the beginning of an emotional, physical, and spiritual battle of a lifetime. Throughout his battle Zach remained firm in his faith finding strength and courage in his Savior and Lord Jesus Christ.

CANCER DID NOT DEFINE ZACH, JESUS DID.

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you be strong and courageous do not be terrified, do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Throughout Zach's almost three year battle, his hope was firmly rooted in the One who does not disappoint. Zach was caught many times praying privately and holding on to God's promises. He continued to love life even when things got tough, not showing self pity or voicing complaints as he endured his trial. Those who met Zach were often unaware of his medical condition. His eyes were not on the cancer but fixated on his Savior and life. On March 5th 2011 Zach's faith became sight. He now lives in the very presence of God.



WHAT OR WHO DEFINES YOUR LIFE?

A relationship? Broken home? Addictions? Cutting? Drinking? Sexual Immorality? Are you facing something beyond your reach? Do you feel hopeless? Empty? Broken hearted? Do you need hope?

How did Zach do it? Why did he smile during times of sickness? What kept him going when his circumstances screamed for him to quit? He would simply and confidently tell you—Jesus. He knew Jesus in a very real and personal way. When Zach was asked how he wanted to be remembered, he joyfully stated, "I am a Christian and I'm awesome!" Zach was not ashamed to be called a Christian, and unafraid to tell others about His Savior.



Let me introduce you to the Source of all Hope.

- 1.) Admit your need—that you are a sinner in need of God's forgiveness.
- 2.) Be willing to turn from trusting in anything else for eternal life and trust only in Christ.
- 3.) Believe that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross, came back to life from the grave, and is your only way to find true joy on earth and an eternal home in heaven.
- 4.) Accept Jesus' offer to forgive your sins, make the decision to follow Him and come into your life as your Savior and Friend.

It is not enough to just know the facts about Jesus. We must turn from our ways and turn to Him. We must receive Him to be saved. John 1:12 "But as many as received Him to them He gave the power to become the sons of God." A personal relationship with God starts by praying to receive Christ.

"Dear Jesus, thank You for making it possible for me to find peace with God! I believe that when You died You were paying the penalty for my sins. I now receive You into my life as my Savior, so I can have forgiveness and never-ending life from God!! Today, I have decided to follow You. Thank You for the gift of eternal life!"

Zach frequently told me, "Mom, there is always hope"...

