

## Physical:

### One week later it is gone!

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Here are some ways God has been showing up in our life recently. At Midwest Challenge we minister to both incarcerated men on work release and released men through half-way houses. At Water of Life we learned that people in ministry can expect spiritual attacks, especially on our families. (I've written a separate story about my mother's brush this past November with what we were told was cancer but turned out to be a perforated ulcer.)



Meanwhile, my wife Shar has been experiencing pain in her knee, dizzy spells, and is going for surgery later this month on a non-cancerous lesion on her ear. We were anxious about all these things. So at the end of the wonderful Equipping Event for Small Group Leaders on Saturday, February 1, the small group team offered prayer for us and laid hands on Shar. Wendy Crawford prayed, "Lord, anything not of You, anything in her whole body that needs healing, let it be done *now!*"

What they didn't know was that on the previous Monday, Shar had a routine mammogram. We arrived home that Saturday to find the results of Monday's mammogram in the mail. It was a very concerning letter, as in "We need to see you immediately for a repeat mammogram because we found a spot on your left breast." So we were there first thing Monday morning, somewhat freaked but also hoping in God. A few hours later the new mammogram was clear: there was no spot or concern anywhere. We believe God had removed it during the prayer Saturday afternoon, when no one (except the Holy Spirit) knew it was there!

Hopefully through this true story, people will understand how strong spiritual warfare is, but God is more powerful than the opposition that comes our way. It can be easy to say "God is awesome," but when you experience what we have the last couple of months and see God at work close up, it makes a believer out of you!