



Leeanne's Story

I first heard about House of Hope in the spring of 2013 when I found out that I had a tumor on my pancreas. This was 3 years after a breast cancer diagnosis at the age of 32. A friend of mine encouraged me to go to the healing prayer service at House of Hope and to also start meeting with Martha to work through some family issues and trauma from childhood. I did go to the healing prayer group and what I experienced was nothing I have encountered before or since. I had never been to anything like it (my church is very formal and I am not accustomed to praying aloud and in front of other people but I felt incredibly comfortable and welcomed and safe there.) The women there are so kind and gracious and you can feel the Lord's love just pouring through them. At the end they all gathered around me and prayed over me. I started crying but I couldn't feel any tears coming out of my eyes yet tears were streaming down my face. It felt like Jesus was standing over me and pouring healing water over my head that was flowing down my face. When the prayer ended Martha came over beside me and pointed to a spot on my back and asked what was there. I told her that the pancreas comes to a point in the body and that point is at that spot right where she pointed. She said that while everyone was praying she had seen Jesus in front of me and a light was coming out of him and it was going through my body to that point on my back. The experience was so powerful and I truly felt like I had been healed. When I got up to leave I could not feel my feet walking on the the ground as I made my way back to my car. I felt like I was floating.

It took a few weeks to meet with a surgeon and to go over the results of the tests and biopsy I had done. He confirmed that there was a neuroendocrine tumor on my pancreas and because of the location would have to remove half of my pancreas and all of my spleen. Because of my battle with breast cancer, the 3 years prior to this had been full of treatment (chemotherapy and radiation) and over 30 hours of surgery. It was right before school was getting out and this would be my first summer to spend with my kids (ages 5 and 7 at the time) that didn't involve some kind of treatment or recovery. I asked the surgeon if it would be ok to wait a few months until the fall when the kids went back to school and he agreed that this would be fine. I had been meeting with Martha by this point and she told me that my husband and I needed to pray together and thank God and believe in the healing that had taken place and to enjoy every second of the summer with my precious children. We did just that! When school started back I called the surgeon and told him that I didn't feel comfortable going ahead with the surgery without another scan to confirm the location, size, etc.....of the tumor (I really just wanted to see and confirm that it was gone.) He agreed and I had another CT done in the next few weeks. I will never forget the words when the resident walked in the room and said, "We don't see the tumor anymore." This was after 2 CT scans had picked it up and an ultrasound and a needle biopsy of it had been done. My husband and I knew that I had been healed but to see a medical test prove it is amazing! I couldn't wait to call Martha and tell her! I continued to meet with Martha for a year to work on issues that I had from an unstable and volatile childhood. It was hard to believe that I could ever let go of the spirit of rejection I had and the feelings of unworthiness and being unlovable but I came to know a very loving, gracious, merciful Father that doesn't need a perfect daughter in order to lavish her with miracles and blessings and a peaceful spirit in her heart. I was truly able to let go of all of the negative feelings of abandonment and rejection and to break off soul ties that were holding me down for so many years. I have since had 2 more MRI's and an endoscopic ultrasound that do not pick up any tumor on my pancreas, Praise the Lord! I am also expecting our third child which is another miracle in itself! God has healed me in so many ways and I will be forever grateful to Martha and the wonderful women that volunteer their time at House of Hope. It is an incredible ministry that shows women God's infinite love for them and I am blessed to have been a part of it.