

Jim, Mary, & all my 'patricia'
at Grace & Truth, I
love you all. It could
be worse. Jim, you
have been my brother,
my father, & always
my friend. Through
the hardest 'Thipis'
trials & tribulations of
my life these past
nine years Grace & Truth
has been here.

I don't think I
could ever thank
the Lord enough,
so far this eternity
I'll do better. My
mentor Jim, okay
this is the information
you asked for about
my condition, I was
born with a birth defect
called 'focal-sclerosis'

It was a tissue growth,
in my Urethra.

The tissue wouldn't
allow my bladder to
release my urine.

By the time I was six
years old I had an
enlarged bladder & I
went into Kidney
Failure. When I was
ten years old I suffered

Kidney Failure again.
At fourteen I suffered
Kidney failure for
the third time. By then
I had undergone surgery
after surgery, medicines,
& procedures, & about
four or five doctors.

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At that time I had

a Nephrologist by the name Dr. ~~Caroline~~ Cooley.

She was ready when my kidneys failed. She had everything arranged so that when they failed I was getting a transplant. My mother's kidney. It lasted until I was eighteen, December 1995.

It failed & I had
my first dialysis treatment

December 15, 1995.

That was twenty three
years ago. I don't
want anyone to feel sorry
for me. A lot of what ~~is~~ is
wrong with me I brought
upon myself. From the
time I was twenty three

until I was forty
I was only out of prison
for sixteen months.

During that time I
developed Hyperparathyroidism
The parathyroid regulates
a bunch of things in our
bodies. One of them is
the calcium in our blood.
If the calcium gets low
the parathyroid will go to

will go to work & get calcium from wherever in the body it can find it. When my calcium level dropped my parathyroid took the calcium from my bones. The worst place it took was from my C5 vertebrae in my neck, causing me to have major neck & spine surgery.

For the fifteen ¹/₂ years I was incarcerated my parathyroid level, (PTH level) ran 1500 to 2200 when it is only suppose to be between 150 to 200. That and damage from a blood clot in 2012 has crippled me.

There is all kinds of other factors involved to.

Phosphorus level, when it is high it eats the calcium out of my bones too. What ~~calcium~~ my body doesn't use is deposited in my soft tissues, Tendons Ligaments Muscles, Heart Lungs & brain. I stay in pain. My legs are stiff & won't bend. My right arm is crawling

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up. The muscles are
shrinking & becoming
hard. I can't bend
my fingers, only use
my thumbs to my hands
like Lobster Claws.

I have no way to
take proper baths
so I wash as well
as I can. But I am
covered in dead skin

Sometimes I feel dirty
& ashamed. I know
I am crippled & it's a
little out of my hands.

Then I thought if
I could have a handicap
shower built-in to
where I could just
walk right into, I
could get good baths.

I've spoken to my
parents about installing
a handicap shower. They
agree & approve, but they
don't have the finances
to help me. Anyway,

Jim I want you to know
I look-up to you, You & Jesus.

The way you help people,
All you & Grace & Truth has
done for me makes me

want to Pay-it-Forward.
I have a lot of DVD's
of the same #'s. So
everytime I go to the
dialysis center I take a
DVD or two, & it never
fails, there is always someone
who starts speaking on the
subject the DVD is about.
So I give them the DVD
& keep move'n.

I'm not able to do much,
but I obey when He
tells me to do what I
am able to do. Jim,
you have been, & still are
the best role-model, mentor,
brother & friend. Tell Mary,
& then rest of Grace & Truth
family I love them & stay true.
I love you Jim.

Michael Pinion