



If you don't currently have a church home, these are personal friends of mine who lead churches in the Tampa Bay area. If you contact one of them and say, ***"Dear Pastor _____, I met Pastor Darin at Moffitt recently and he encouraged me to check out your church. After the worship service this Sunday could I pray with one or two people about my battle with cancer?"*** I guarantee these brothers will gladly meet with you and support you in prayer. Hopefully you have a biological family walking with you through your cancer journey. You will find great blessing if you have a spiritual family praying with you and supporting you along the way as well.

Of course, you are welcome to contact me (Darin Anderson) and my wife (Kristin) and we would love to stay in touch and continue to pray with you (DarinandKristin@gmail.com)! I was diagnosed with a brain tumor on June 2 and had surgery to remove most of it on July 7. I started chemo and radiation on August 12 and finish my first round today, September 23. My update MRI is October 23 and most likely I will continue on chemo pills for another 6-12 months after that. We consider all of you our "radiation family," and so appreciate your smiles and support as we face this challenge together.

On July 9 I had my post-op MRI that would determine the success of surgery and my prognosis moving forward. As I slid back into the machine, this line came to mind from a hymn I must have learned as a child: "Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine." I had to look up the rest of the lyrics later, and the hymn *How Firm a Foundation* has become a powerful inspiration to my family ever since. We hope you are encouraged by it and the Scripture on which it is based!

How Firm a Foundation (1787 by “K,” possibly Robert Keen, a worship leader)

<p>1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?</p>	<p>“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.” Isaiah 40:8 (see Ephesians 2:20 and Isaiah 55)</p>
<p>2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed, for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.</p>	<p>“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10 (see Joshua 1)</p>
<p>3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow; for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless, and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.</p>	<p>“Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.” Psalm 107:28-29</p>
<p>4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply; the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.</p>	<p>“Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’” 2 Corinthians 12:8-9 (see Daniel 3)</p>
<p>5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes; that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."</p>	<p>“The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.” Proverbs 18:10 (see Ephesians 2) “Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” Acts 2:21</p>
<p>“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, ‘For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.’ 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 8:31-39</p>	



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