

How God Answered a Young Teen's Prayer

Eight years ago my life changed drastically. A young teenager, I was lying on an operating table as surgeons operated on my brain. There was a twenty percent chance of death or multiple complications following the surgery. I was told I would most likely live with a tremor in my left hand, and that I might not be able to see or walk the same again. In fact, the surgery was so delicate that the doctor took an entire day to do it. Friends and family across the country were praying for the surgeons and for a favorable outcome.

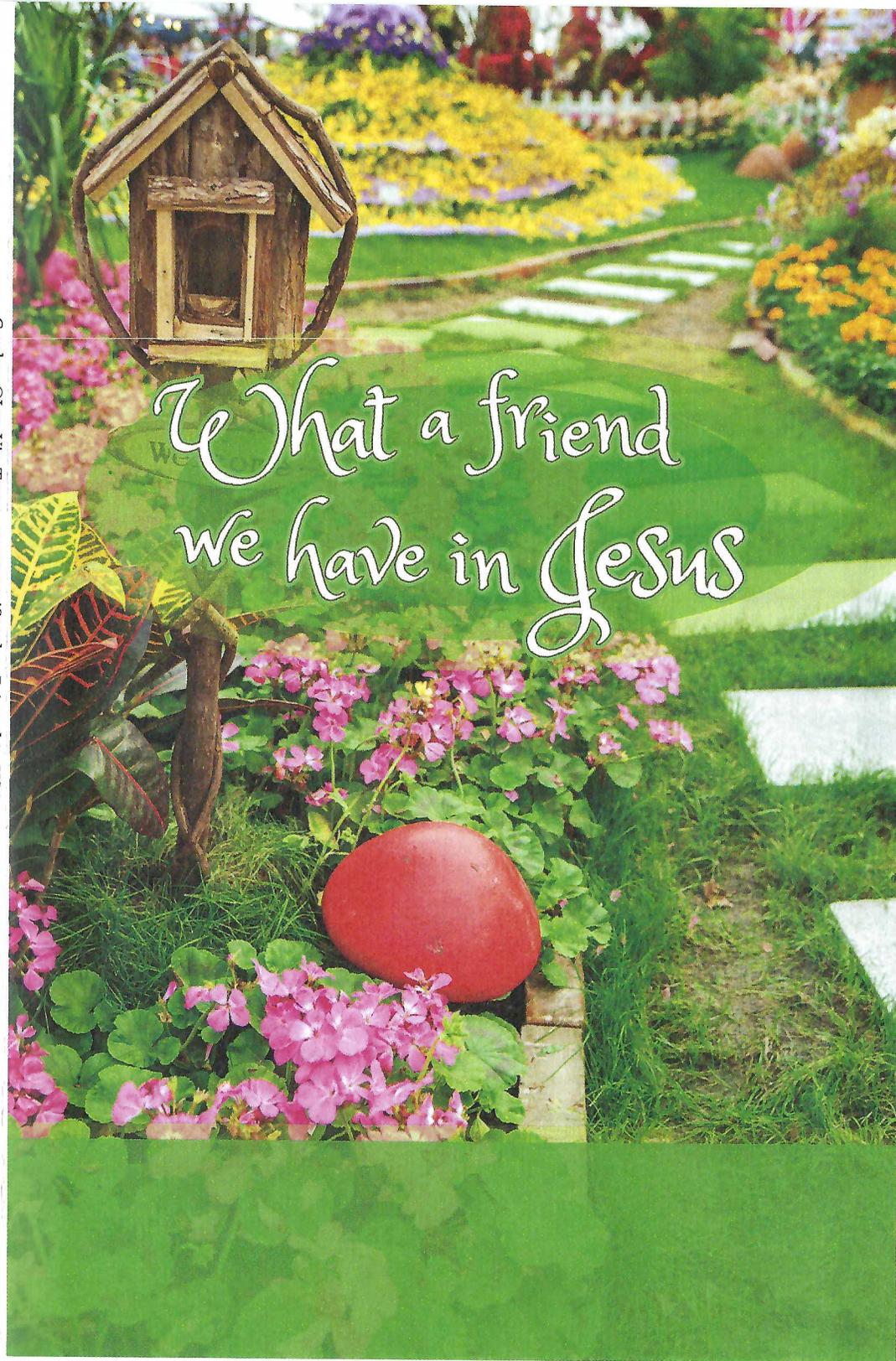
Hours later, I slowly opened my eyes, dizzy and confused as to where I was. I looked around and saw my mom and dad standing over me. As I looked up at them, the first words to come out of my mouth were, "Can I have some pizza?" Everyone felt a little better after that.

I can't express how grateful and blessed I am to be alive, with few after-effects from the surgery. I knew eight years ago that it might not end the way I would like, and I knew without a doubt that if it was my time to see my Jesus, I was ready and willing. I had peace that passed all understanding, that only God could have given me, going into that operating room.

Now, as I ponder Resurrection Sunday, I am reminded of what Jesus has done, coming to earth, dying on the cross for our sins and then rising from the dead. The resurrection is the promise of God that whoever trusts in Jesus will be the beneficiary of His power to lead us into paths of righteousness and out of the valley of death. Believing in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead is more than accepting the fact. It means being confident that God is for you, transforming your life, and that He will save you for eternal joy! He is risen!

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Call to Worship *Sounds of Hope Part 2*

Invocation *Ron Marks*

Sing Unto the Lord *Tina Pinkoson*
104 O Worship the King

Welcome and Announcements *Ron Marks*
Recognition of Guests
Mission Moment
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Worship in Song *Tina Pinkoson*
122 Glorious is Thy Name

Offertory Prayer *Joe Morgan*

Offertory *Rose Morgan*

Special Music *Sounds of Hope Part 2*

Pastoral Prayer *Ron Marks*

Scripture
Hebrews 4:14-16

Sermon *Rev. Richard Parker*
"Our Preeminent High Priest"

Hymn of Benediction *Tina Pinkoson*

Scripture for Today

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Having then a great high priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help *us* in time of need.

