

Accepting God's will for your life

(A lesson from the life of the Cancer Soldier)

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One of the biggest lessons we can learn from the life of Moises Ruiz is the importance of accepting and submitting to God's will for our lives.

Romans 12:2 (NIV) says "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Although his cancer diagnosis and amputation were a devastating life changing event, Moises was quick to accept it and trust God. He reasoned that what happened wasn't an accident but something God allowed so he could be an example to others.

Although his physical body was weary from fighting cancer and chemotherapy side effects, his spirit was becoming stronger. His trust in the Lord was incredible, without a doubt his submission to God is what made Moises become more like his Savior. (2 Corinthians 3:18).

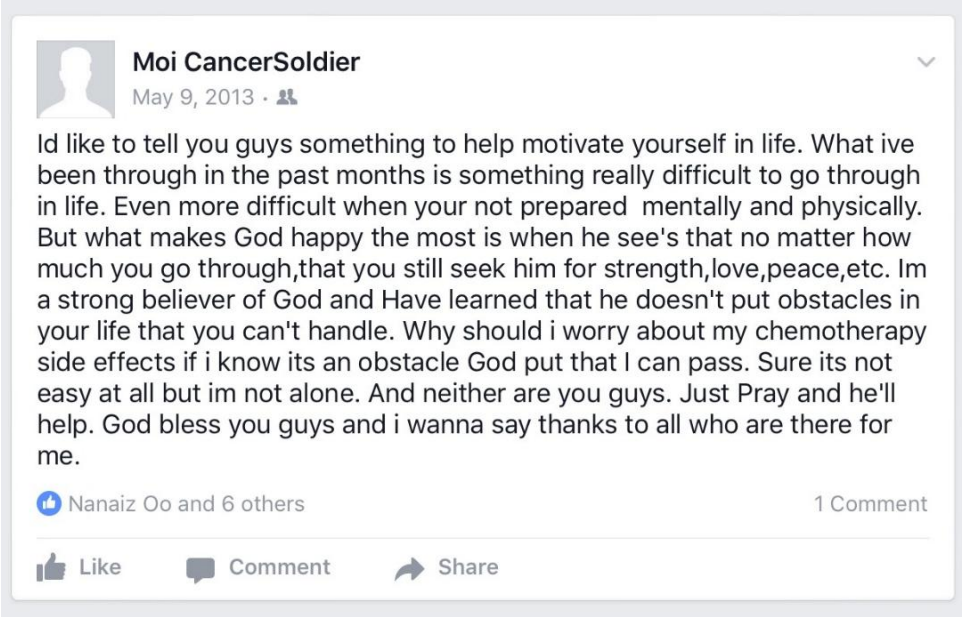
He became so selfless that when the cancer reappeared and he had to fight again, he said "if it's God's will for me to continue fighting cancer so that more of my family and friends come to know God, then I accept it."

That level of faith and trust in God is an example of what David wrote: "The LORD will work out his plans for my life— for your faithful love, O LORD, endures forever. Don't abandon me, for you made me." Psalm 138:8 (NLT)

Moises wanted us to not be discouraged when tough trials happen in our lives, just as it says in James 1:2-4. On the contrary, if we want to live life our way and ignore God's calling, we will only be met with frustration and unfulfillment.

When we obey God and live our lives by the spirit (instead of the selfish flesh), we produce many beautiful qualities: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-24).

When we submit to God and trust in his plans for our lives/future, only good can come from it. In the moment it may not feel good or comfortable but in the end, we see the benefits.



We read many times in the Bible how God uses bad situations for good. (ex Genesis 50:20). These tough situations or trials are not to be confused with consequences we suffer from our own mistakes (ex: spending money recklessly and now you don't have enough to pay the bills, is not a trial from God.)

An important reminder Moises wanted to encourage us about when we go through our own troubles is that you are not alone, even if it feels that way. God is with you through those tough times that He allows to happen for the greater good.

Growing closer to Jesus allows us to feel more reassured when we go through trials. It is a full circle: Hardship/trial happens in life, we ask God for help and submit/trust what He will do and *when* He will do it, we overcome that hardship and are victorious and He is glorified.

Like I mentioned in *Legacy of the Cancer Soldier*, Moises may have appeared to have lost his second battle with cancer, but what actually happened is he received the crown of life! (James 1:12)

After submitting to God's will here in our lives on earth, and living for Him, we will receive that crown too and much more when we go to heaven! (1 Peter 1:4-7)

"So do not throw away this confident trust in the Lord. Remember the great reward it brings you! Patient endurance is what you need now, so that you will continue to do God's will. Then you will receive all that he has promised." Hebrews 10:35-36 (NLT)