

# The Faith Script

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*So we fix our eyes not on what is seen,  
but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary,  
but what is unseen is eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18(NIV)*

[Prayer Wall](#)

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

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It's been a few months now since I lost a dear friend to cancer. Hers was the fourth death in only three months of someone special to our family. Death, no matter what the circumstance, is always difficult to deal with, and as pharmacists we certainly see our share of it in our practices. But the memory of Pam's death will remain with me for a long time because of the message she left just prior to her death about the peace that filled her and her knowledge of a beautiful life to come in eternity with Jesus.

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For some, God provides the opportunity to prepare for death, get one's affairs in order and plan a celebration of life. Pam had that opportunity, and from her first diagnosis of cancer, she had more than a year to celebrate life, family, friends and a time to plan before she became gravely ill and died. Two weeks prior to her death, she prepared a testimony that was shared during our church services as part of a sermon series on Prayer. That testimony was profoundly reassuring for our future as Christians and provided us all with hope for eternity in heaven.

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Pharmacists are in a unique position to have the opportunity to offer the reassurance of eternity to our patients as we assist with end of life concerns or provide care to those left behind. "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know He holds the future and then one day, I'll cross the river. And then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns." (from the song Because He Lives, written by Bill Gaither.)

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No matter what length of life God has in store for each of us, we are to share the good news with those around us: "Go and make disciples" Matthew 28: 19 (NIV) and the hope of the life to come: "In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." John 14:2-3 (NIV) We can offer encouragement, love, and friendship along with our professional knowledge every day as we work. We can help calm the anxieties of our patients: "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14:27b (NIV)

I love praise and worship songs! So many are taken directly from scripture and it's amazing to see the talents of the song writers and singers in making scripture "come alive" in music. No doubt, many of you have favorites with special meanings for you. Sometimes the words really speak to us to help offer reassurance along with scripture. In the words of "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)", "And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near and my time has come, still my soul will sing Your praise unending, ten thousand years and then forevermore." (by Matt Redmann)

It's my prayer that each of us as Christians and as pharmacists have and will share the hope of the life to come with Christ. What bigger blessing is there than to know that those around us also have that blessed assurance of life everlasting.

For many years, we have had a plaque on our wall which reads: "Lord God, divine Pharmacist, when your people were stricken for their sinful ways you sent your Word to heal them; may those who seek my skills as druggist find their souls' relief in You and take prescription for eternal life in the teachings of your Son. Amen." I believe that includes using our skills to provide comfort and reassurance to our patients dealing with death. Thank you, Lord, for the privilege.

If you would like to see "Pam's Testimony"- and I encourage you to do so- please go to: <https://vimeo.com/156174625>. It is the LCC 2-21-16 worship gathering and about 19 minutes into the service. Blessings!

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