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I have enclosed personal words of encouragement (that you would be “infused with courage”) and included salutations such as “Dear Friend” and closings such as “I Love You”. I think it appropriate that I introduce myself.

My name is Jan Scales. I am a 46 year old wife and mother and servant of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In June of 1998 I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I had a walnut size tumor in my right breast that was difficult to find because I had been breastfeeding my third daughter. She was 18 months old. I am involved in my church and was in a home group with two surgical oncologists from M.D. Anderson. I never imagined I would need their professional services, but I was greatly relieved God had placed them in my life. I received a total of eight rounds of chemo. After four rounds I had surgery and it was discovered that the cancer was in 13 of 25 lymph nodes removed. This report changed me to stage 3b and after 6 weeks of radiation and much prayer I decided my chances for a reoccurrence were less if I had a stem cell transplant. In March of '99 I was admitted for that procedure. That was the last chemo I had. To date I am completely disease free and intend to stay that way (in Jesus name).

When I went in the hospital for the transplant I had my precious sister with me. She stayed with me and had asked the ladies from my ladies bible study to write down their favorite scriptures on a piece of construction paper. I could not have live flowers so she planted the Word on the walls of my room! This was such a tremendous blessing for me. I was in that room 22 days and everywhere I looked I read God’s promises. Even when I didn’t feel like reading them out loud I spoke them in my spirit and began to realize how powerful the Word of God is! I became a Christian in 1986 and have been told that the Word is powerful. It became real for me through this experience. God’s Word is Life! Eternal, powerful, overcoming, disease defeating, strengthening, encouraging, joy restoring LIFE!! It was because of this revelation that the Lord has inspired me to send these scriptures to you. They are personalized promises from the heart of God. The battle is not over for me. I go every six months for tests. I know through the process God has called me to His side and I cannot stray far. This is a good thing and He is a good God – all the time!! Many of the thoughts and “illuminations” I have included in this packet were given to me when I had to go back to the hospital for tests. Please don’t ever run *from* Him. Run *to* Him and seek Him in His Word when you are needing encouragement or deliverance from fear. He is faithful to be found. Crawl up in Daddy God’s lap and lay your head on His chest when you are weary. He is everything you need and has the answers to every question. You can trust Him. As Peter said and I quote on the cover letter “To whom shall we go? You have the Words of eternal life”.

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