Living Beyond Circumstances with Hep C

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It is so easy to get caught up in focusing on our circumstances with Hep C and in life, especially if things are not going right. We look at others and sometimes see outside fringes of a Norman Rockwell holiday and family. We can question, “Why don’t I have a family like that? Or I wish I had . . . ” Truth is, nobody has a Norman Rockwell holiday or family, at least not this side of heaven.
The truth is we have little to no control over the choices and actions of others, but only ourselves. We can choose to take a stand and not be brought down by our circumstances. We can choose to look up instead of down. This is a proactive choice and a powerful one.

No matter what your circumstances with Hep C or life in general, you can still have a heart of thankfulness. Thankfulness is knitted together with gratitude that goes deep to the heart. It changes your attitude. It changes your focus from your circumstances, whatever they are, to appreciation for what you have been blessed with.

Each day should be overflowing with counting our blessings instead of burdens. I love what Barbara Johnson said, “Pain is inevitable but misery is a choice.” I hope you choose today to count yourself blessed. You are loved by God Almighty and His child. If we have nothing else in this life, we have Jesus and He is more than enough.

Choose today to look up. Don’t look behind you. Don’t look at circumstances surrounding you.
Remember, Nothing ahead of you is bigger or stronger than the power of God in your life.

This holiday and every day, you have a special invitation from someone who loves you more than life itself, Jesus Christ. He gave it all just for you and He invites you to feast at His table.

Look at Psalm 23:5, “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.”

Max Lucado shares in his book, Safe in the Shepherd’s Arms, “God is the Shepherd who guides, the Lord who provides, the Voice who brings peace in the storm.”

He continues to share, “You see, he called us to himself and invited us to take a permanent place at his table. When we take our place next to other sinners-made-saints. . . we share in God’s glory.”

May I share a partial list of what awaits you at his table?
You are beyond condemnation (Romans 8:1)

You are delivered from the law (Romans 7:6)
You are near God (Ephesians 2:13)
You are delivered from the power of evil (Colossians 1:13)
You are justified (Romans 5:1)
You have access to God at any moment (Ephesians 2:18)
You will never be abandoned (Hebrews 13:5)

You have much more at His table than you know. You are unconditionally loved and accepted with great joy and served grace, mercy and abundant gifts.

This year has been full of many up's and downs, highs and lows but overflowing with great blessings in so many areas. I would like to share with each of you how Thankful I am to the Lord for YOU! We may not know each other face to face but we know each other heart to heart, spirit to spirit. Thank You for all your prayers, friendship, support and encouragement. You bless my life in overflowing measure.

May each of you experience the love of Christ in your heart and have a very Blessed Thanksgiving!
This is the day that the Lord has made and I will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24

Name something you are thankful for this year?
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