

and Dr. Schaeffer said to me, You know I believe I can see how it was God's will that I should get cancer. He said, I've had this cancer now for nearly three years, and in spite of the difficulties it has given me, I've pushed forward in the Lord's work. The Lord caused me to have it because He had in mind a way in which I could witness to Him particularly, or especially, through this trouble that I have been having."

I thought it was wonderful for him to recognize the fact. Many of you have read the book called Jonnie, and you know about the girl from a fine Christian family who made a mistake in diving in the Chesapeake Bay and dived in a place that was too shallow and hit her head when she was in her teens; and ever since she had been paralyzed from her chin down. She can move her arms to some extent and she has practically no use of her fingers. Probably many of you saw the picture that was made of it in this area. I think many of you saw it. I'm sure you got a real blessing from it, if you did. You saw the struggles she went through as she tried to understand why God allowed this to happen to her. But she came to see God's hand in it. God had a purpose in it. He had a purpose in it for her development, a purpose for the development of her spirit to be that that he wanted it to be. He had a purpose in it for the message she could give to others, as His representative and the inspiration that she could bring to others.

As she became reconciled to it she learned to paint ~~with~~ holding the pen in her mouth. She has painted pictures which were good enough that she was for quite a time making her entire livelihood from the sale of her pictures. She has taken her disability and turned it into a means of blessing and a means of praising God.

Any human parent has a tremendous responsibility to follow