

Scott's Thoughts

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“Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.” (Psalm 31:5, ESV)

Thursday, we managed to make a quick trip to the City for Ava's appointment at Hearts for Hearing. It has now been almost three years since her first cochlear implant. We often get asked if they work and the answer from both of us is yes, and they get better all the time. Ava's check-ups are now spaced about six months apart. Every time she has an appointment they check her progress. So far, there has been improvement in both ears every time. I am continually impressed with how they have and continue to help her with her hearing.

While in the waiting area, I watched a video about a child that received her implants when she was just a little over a year old and had them activated when she was two. This child is now about four and is doing great with them. I asked the doctor if a child getting the implants at such an early age, would it mean that at some point in the future she would have to have them replaced? The answer was, “Only if there would be an implant failure, but they are designed to last for a lifetime. The late 90's marked a real up-tick in the use of implants and the new developments continue to this very day. There was initially some confusion caused by the implants but as the days have turned into months and months into years we continue to see positive progress. The use of implants is not perfect. I'm sure there will be advancements in the technology for both Pray Until Something Happens the implants and the receivers in the coming years.”

One of the reasons for Ava's success is that Ava has put in the work. There is a process of relearning that goes on in the person's brain where the person with the implant has to work to identify the sounds they are now hearing. They are given exercises to do every day to help this learning process advance. Like any exercise program, the closer one follows the program the better the results are. For example, with knee replacement, hip replacement, shoulder replacement, why do some have better results than others? Because some follow directions, some don't. We relate to all this in direct proportion to how badly we want to improve.

The same is true of our spiritual lives. If we want to get closer to God, we must exercise spiritually. I'm not talking about speaking in tongues or healing the sick but simply giving God a more proportionate place in our lives. It can start with the smallest of things. How many of us ask God to bless our food before we eat every time we eat. Do we thank Him for keeping us safe through the night? Do we ask Him to watch over us as we travel? Do we ask believing that He can help us with our health problems? Each of these are little steps that can help us grow closer to God and to learn how we can actually be a more spiritually minded child of God.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.” (Psalm 51:10, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining

—Scott