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"I was diagnosed with non-invasive Ductal Carcinoma in February 2014. I missed my mammogram in 2013. I turned over one day and I thought I felt a lump, but prayed that it was not so. I had called my dr. to get a refill on an allergy medicine I needed. Her reply back was "I will refill this one but if you don't get your mammogram for the year, I will not refill any more medicine for you." She made the appointment and I had to cancel that one, but I did reschedule. I went for my mammogram and was called back only to find out that I had stage 1 cancer. I went into surgery March 26, 2014. I was told that I could return to work in one week. But it didn't happen like that. I called my dr.'s office to hear that I had to come back into the office. 15 minutes later, my dr. called me saying that he had not gotten all the cancer, so on April 19, 2015 I went back into surgery for the second time. Remember, I had not healed from the first surgery. Can you imagine how I felt? There was a lot of praying in my spirit. So I went back into surgery, speaking a healing, but yet it still didn't happen. I was to be released on my way back to work the first of May when I got another phone call telling me that I once again had to return back to surgery for a third time. This time it was from my radiologist Dr. Murray. He went on to tell me that it may even be a fourth or fifth surgery. But I assured him that I would return to surgery this time. But God would heal me this time. So I had to go back the third and final time.



On June 9, 2015 I went back to work. I went through my radiation treatments. And on February of 2015 I was pronounced cancer free. Praise God! It has been a long journey but I am now a survivor and proud to wear pink and living my life to the fullest. It has been difficult but the road was not promised to be easy. I speak to women everyday anywhere and anyway that I can, to encourage them to get their mammograms and how important it is to find early detection. I hope that I am chosen to be one of the faces of breast cancer because I am proud to be a cancer free survivor. I would inspire my community to see a known face that has fought the battle and has won. It would encourage women and men to get their mammogram and to also know that someone that they know has won a battle and can stand boldly to say "If I have overcome, so can you." If she has fought the good fight so can I. That someone I know is proud to stand up against cancer and has won! I want to be a face, because my battle has been a battle not against someone but a battle that has taught me "strength, wisdom, encourage, faith and sacrifice." And I would like to be a living witness and visual witness to people everywhere that it is a blessing to survive and still be able to proclaim to FIGHT LIKE A GIRL AGAINST CANCER."