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God at "Work"

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I have been employed at St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center for about seven years. I have never been able to share my faith at any other job. Here, I feel blessed to actually be encouraged to share my faith with patients and coworkers.

You see, I have stage four breast cancer, and I work as a cancer outreach coordinator. Many people ask how I can think about cancer all the time, at home and at work. I tell them that I look forward to going to work and having the opportunity to make a difference in someone else's life. I can help others by showing them that God not only works through us, but helps us be at peace with traumatic situations in our lives.

God puts me in certain places and in connection with certain people, and I am

able to share my faith with them. God makes it possible for me to show others that you can be faced with a life-threatening illness, yet remain positive, with both eyes on the Lord.

I am not saying that I am always happy. Being happy and having an overall positive attitude are twodifferent concepts. I certainly have my down days, but I keep focused on God and look forward to the days that I can work and spend time with my family. There are days I think I should not work anymore, but my husband reminds me of the impact I make and how many people I touch each day.

It has been a blessing that I have been diagnosed with cancer, because I have accepted that God may take me home at any time and I should appreciate every day, instead of taking life for granted.

