

Healing Testimonies



Baby Joey is Healed of PDA¹

When our second daughter, Joella, was born, we knew something was wrong when they didn't bring her in to see me. She was in an incubator gasping for each breath. Before they took her to a bigger hospital for evaluation, they rolled her into my room so I could see her. She was beautiful, and my arms ached to hold her. Her bushy red hair filled my heart with delight. Before she was two days old, the family started calling her Joey.

The next hospital decided to fly her to U.C. Davis Medical Center because she needed 100% oxygen. I knew our church was praying for a miracle. This was so comforting as I was very weak right after my C-section. I only had just enough strength to say aloud, "Satan, you can't have my baby." A short while later, my husband who was with her called me, and he said, "Satan can't have our baby." I told him I had just said the same thing. We believed God's Word that the fruit of my womb was blessed (Deut. 28:4).

I could feel the support of the prayers of our church. I knew she would be fine, but it was serious. The valve between her lungs and heart that closes at birth had remained open.² We waited days to see if it would close naturally, but it didn't. We consented to experimental medicine to close it, but it didn't work. The next step would be surgery.

My understanding of Joella's medical condition was that it had to do with her breathing only. One day while on the phone with a nurse, she said something about her "heart" problem, and I said, "What about her heart? I haven't heard anything about her heart," which resulted in me being put on hold and the nurse immediately retrieving a doctor to explain.

It was like a storm in the midst of a storm, but David and I continued to believe that the fruit of my womb was blessed and that Satan could not have our baby. Thoughts came into my mind that God might "take" our baby. I said to the Lord, "You know I will serve you no matter what, but I do NOT believe that you "take babies."

Shortly after this, the valve closed.

We asked the doctor about what happened. He told us plainly that it was not because of the experimental medicine they'd give her, because there were only a limited number of hours it could have been effective, and those had long passed. He said there was no explanation for it closing by itself.

We said, "Then it was a miracle." He said that it would seem so.

Joella is an adult now with five, count them, five children of her own and perfectly healthy. She is a long-distance runner, too. She loves God with all her heart and knows He saved her life. God was faithful to His Word, and now she lives to serve Him.

Psalm 46:1-5

God is our refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

²Therefore we will not fear,

Even though the earth be removed,

And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

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² (PDA) is a congenital heart defect wherein the ductus arteriosus fails to close after birth.

³Though its waters roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah
⁴There is a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God,
The holy place of the tabernacle of the Most High.
⁵God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;
God shall help her, just at the break of dawn.

Psalm 5:11-12

Let all those who put their trust in You rejoice;
Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them;
Let those also who love Your name
Be joyful in You.

¹²For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous;
With favor You will surround them as with a shield.