



I could have my own family

In 1991 I received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues and was baptised by fullimmersion.

I have suffered the symptoms of Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome since I was 17-years-old. I was officially diagnosed at 19, and I was a text-book case. Doctors told me they could only try to manage my symptoms because there isn't a cure for PCOS. I began various treatments right away, but my symptoms worsened.

My hair thinned, I suffered hirsutism, I had terribly acne, was overweight and my cycles were irregular. Despite strictly following a very low-calorie diet, I had to exercise intensely each day to maintain any weight-loss, and soon found the low-calorie diet completely unsustainable. One of the major symptoms of PCOS is infertility, which I suffered. I was heartbroken because of it, often feeling like I had a knife being twisted in my chest. I had felt this way for a long time when I spoke to a sister at a Summer Camp and we prayed together about it.

The Lord healed my low blood pressure and completely took away my heartbreak. I was content and happy, and I no longer felt awful when I saw other people with children.

For eight years we tried various fertility treatments including two years of IUI treatment at St Mary's Hospital, Manchester. Over those two years I was often at the hospital daily for scans and blood tests, medication changes, injections and treatments.

I developed a separate condition called fibroids, which caused very heavy bleeding resulting in low blood-pressure and anaemia. I was put on anti-clotting medication to try to give my body a break, but things continued to get worse. The only symptom I have never suffered is pain, and I am very thankful to the Lord for that blessing. In November 2012, we had an appointment to find out if the treatments had been successful or not. Before the appointment, I told my husband that regardless of what they were to tell us, I still wanted to be happy and content. I believed that God had healed me from my heartbreak over infertility and I didn't want it to come back. The news we were given at the appointment wasn't what we wanted, but I felt exactly the same when I left the appointment as I had before we went in.

God completely protected my heart and gave me peace.

I was told I couldn't have children and that the only option left to help my PCOS symptoms was a full hysterectomy. I was to come back for that operation when I could no longer handle my symptoms. A couple of years later I was investigated for ovarian cancer, but I praise the Lord that I did not have that. I have had no medical intervention since then.

In 2018 I turned 40 and something really strange happened. My women's cycles returned, my hair got thicker, my acne started to clear and I began to lose weight. I was happy and thankful and carried on with my life. Then in February 2020 I had abnormal bleeding again and I had to go back to the doctor for tests.

I had a blood test which showed my hormone levels were completely normal, indicating I no longer had PCOS!

It was amazing.

The doctor sent me for a scan to confirm the findings, but the scan was delayed for months due to COVID. It was August when I went for the scan and by that time, my body seemed to be working normally again.

During the scan the sonographer told me, 'l'm very sorry, I can't tell you what's going on with your ovaries because we've found something else.' He had discovered I was pregnant!

After 22 years of marriage and 17 years of different treatments trying to manage my PCOS, I was completely healed.

We welcomed our miracle baby boy in April 2021. We thank God for his mercy and blessing.



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