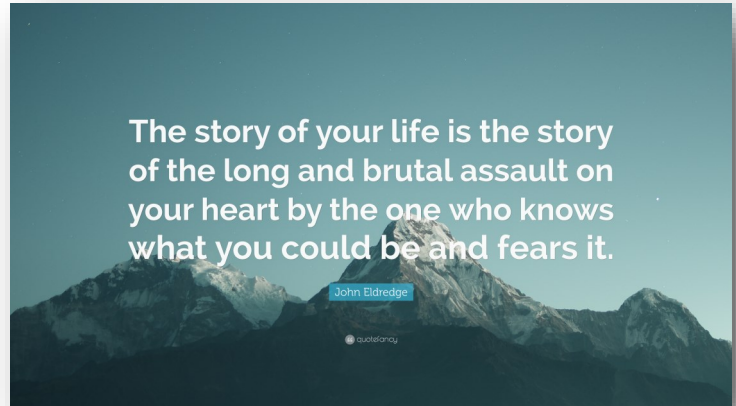




When the Bubbles Pop

I just ran a bubble bath. It wasn't long before bubbles began popping, and after a while there were big patches of plain water where bubbles had been before. I got to thinking about life, and how sometimes bubbles of ease and comfort pop, and things get hard. John Eldredge in his book *Waking the Dead* says it this way: "The story of your life is the story of the long and brutal assault on your heart by the one who knows what you could be and fears it." Can you relate? Health goes south. You lose your job. Relationships struggle. A loved one dies. Finances are tight. You live with chronic pain or fatigue or an incurable illness. You have habits you can't quit or fears you can't overcome or weaknesses you hate to admit. You feel like you're failing at something you desperately want to get right. And you're just plain battle-weary.



But there's another side of this coin. God uses the very struggles His kids go through to nudge us toward what He created us to be! Our trials purify and refine us that we might bring more glory to God. A song that expresses Robert's and my heart has been "Let My Life Song Sing to You." We covet your prayers that in the midst of the trials in our own lives—and maybe even because of them—**His glory** will shine brightly, and that by His grace we would reach the destiny for which He created us. We are so blessed to have you, our incredible team, investing in our ministry and cheering us on. **For the King and His Kingdom!**

Praise and Prayer

- **Praise** that my last four scans have showed **no cancer**. I still need prayer for **better sleep**. We have been battling chronic health issues and often experience deep fatigue. Please pray for improved **health and energy** for us; also for healing for Robin following a recent emergency abdominal surgery—and now the flu.
- Please ask God for **wisdom and productivity** for Robert in creating courses to help train third world missionaries. His heart is to come alongside others and help them succeed in their God-given calling.
- We are so grateful for those who invest in us and our ministry. Please pray for **provision** for the needs of our supporters and for our own ongoing needs. Jehovah Jireh, the Lord will provide.

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