### WELCOME TO OUR HOPE PROJECT'S

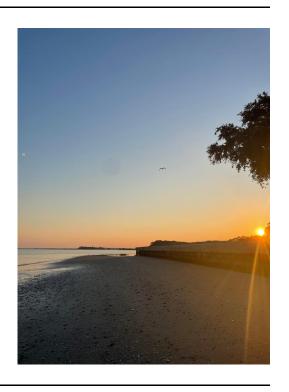
# Tuesday Newsletter

# We're so glad you're here!

### What we are about.....

## **HOPE**

This weekly newsletter aims to bring hope and joy to your daily life by sharing my family's journey through unexpected challenges. We firmly believe that a positive outlook, faith, and the right circle of friends will help you tackle any obstacle with resilience and a smile. In the next edition, I will candidly share my recent experiences dealing with a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease.



## Meet the Parker Family

From left to right- my wife, hero, and best friend, Trina. My oldest daughter and copywriter, Grace. My youngest daughter and social media coordinator, Anna. I (Nick), the owner, content creator, and editor.

WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN

#3, July 23, 2024

**Meet the Founder...** 

Nick is a native of Knoxville, TN and has been Married to his wife Trina for 30 plus years. They have two adult daughters, Grace and Anna. (You'll meet them in future editions).

Nick is a Marine Veteran, received a B.S. Degree from ETSU, served the State of Tennessee in the Drug Investigation Division at the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and as an insurance agent with The Farm Bureau for over 20 years before medically retiring in 2023. Nick serves his church as an elder where he has attended for 17 years.

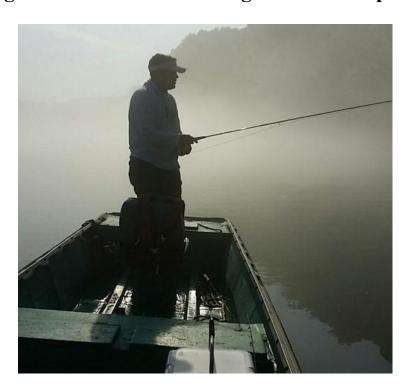
In recent years, Nick has faced significant health challenges and underwent extensive medical treatments, leading to a remarkable recovery. Nick will discuss how his life changed after being diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.



WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN

#2, July 16, 2024

# Facing Parkinson's Disease Diagnosis with Hope Part 2



To back up a bit, it is fitting to warn and/or share, that I am a person of faith in Jesus Christ, this is where some of you will turn away. But, even if you aren't a follower of Christ, let's face it, we all put our faith into something. Faith and Hope are those "life force" things that even the smartest cannot explain. So as far as faith goes, faith in nothing is faith in

something. Hope keeps us "leaning forward in the Fighting Hole" and sustains faith. My faith just happens to be in God whom, through Jesus demonstrated His desire to be my Lord, Savior and Friend.

Back to that night. I was alone in this beautiful location praying complaining, "why me God? Haven't I, for the most part, "done" what you asked of me? You know all the religious, church stuff....now I'm going to end up a quivering, bed-ridden, unknowing mass." At that point, it was as if God stepped into the room, and said;

"Are you done? Nick, if this disease were your demise tonight, what a life you've had! Great parents, brother, wife, daughters, family, friends, adventures, travels, health.... Your life has been abundantly full. As a matter-of-fact, as far as wants and needs, can you think of any that I haven't provided? Then it was if God asked me a question....

"Are you going to quit on me?"

In an instant the thought popped into my mind "Lord where else would I go?" (my sub-conscience dug these words up from John 6:68 when Peter replied to Jesus on behalf of the apostles). Then I opened my bible and like a child just flipped it open and started reading from Zephaniah 3:17:

"The Lord your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet *you* with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing."

Essentially, God, in my mind, was saying trust me and we'll get through this son, finish strong, that is what counts.

You see, until then I only thought my faith was real....(to be continued)

# Coming Next Week

Facing Parkinson's Disease Diagnosis with Hope (Part 3)







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