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After hearing Dr. Law's story last Sunday, I felt inspired to share a 28:16 story of my own. Like Dr. Law, I am also in health care. I am currently a second year medical student here at Iowa. I am also a cancer patient. In August of 2015, I was diagnosed with brain cancer just before I was supposed to start my second year of medical school. It came as a huge shock to both me and my family, and I knew I would have to sit the year out. From what Pastor Matt told me about this talk, the major themes are supposed to be time and talents. I don't have the talent that Dr. Law has because I am early on in my medical education and I don't do procedures like he does. But after I recovered, I began to realize that I had a year before I could start back in medical school. I decided to use my time as well as I could. I got involved in some research and presented some of it down in Miami, I went on a medical mission trip, and I did some local volunteering. Recently, one of my doctors asked me to be on a committee to help give feedback for a new treatment center here at Iowa that is designed to help cancer patients who are adolescents or young adults.

In terms of how this has impacted my faith, it has reminded me that just as I did not earn the medical care I have received over the past year, I did not earn the gift of salvation, which was given to me through Christ. The other lesson I have learned is that as I rejoined the new class I met a lot of great people but also a lot of people with very big egos. After going through all that I have gone through in the past year, this reminded me of 1 Corinthians where it states "let the one who boasts boast in the Lord."