

SURGERY

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These days we take surgery for granted. No matter what surgery we may be facing, it's easy to find someone who had that procedure and is pleased with the results. But if we ever really think about what surgeons do to us in these so-called "procedures", it's rather breath-taking. They cut, saw, remove pieces, bolt things together and finish by sewing or stapling us back together. It all sounds rather frightening! But we readily endure it, for the great benefits that are promised to follow.

So why is it that we resist the Lord, the Great Physician, when He tells us of His plans to change and renew us? Instead of cooperating, we often don't want him to touch any thing related to our precious self. We don't want to endure any pain, inconvenience, or even change of ways. The thought of a really different kind of life frightens us. So, we politely tell the Lord, "No thanks, I'll stay like I am." Or worse yet, we just ignore Him altogether.

Oh, if only we could see what He has in mind for us – the tremendous changes He would work in us – we would gladly endure anything to make it happen. But we can't see in advance. We just have to trust Him when He says, "I know the plans I have for you.... plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."