

## **A Major Leap**

A man named Don was hungry for success. At the age of 30, he owned his own business, drove a sports car, had a house at the beach, a condo close to the office, and was part owner of a boat.

He was tall and good-looking, every bit the eligible bachelor, and he seemed determined to date as many women as possible.

At the age of 31, Don was stricken with cancer. Everything in his life abruptly changed. To his credit, he was able to make a major leap in his life from living for himself and according to his own will, to expressing a need for God and a desire to live according to God's will.

Don reevaluated his priorities and, four years later, said: "I've been in several hospitals and had a number of different treatments. I've been in remission twice, and twice the disease has returned. I've seen people die, and I've seen people live. And above all, I've learned what's important and what's not."

During the course of his illness, Don married one of the women he had been dating, and a year later, his wife gave birth to a daughter.

Don said of his life, "I wouldn't trade what I've been through. Having things is not living. Loving and knowing God – that's living. The fact is, whether I'm here on earth or in heaven, loving and knowing God is all that matters."

All across Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, our associates daily demonstrate – through their compassionate service to our residents – that they love and know God, and honor Him with their words and their deeds designed to uplift others.

*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God (1 John 4:7).*

– Beecher Hunter