



Faith, Healing & Answering the Call

Lupus, Clinical Trials, and Caring for Our Community

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“God is a healer—but healing doesn’t always look the way we expect.”

There’s a story many of us know:

A man trapped by rising floodwaters prays for God to save him.

A boat comes—he refuses.

Another boat comes—he refuses again.

A helicopter arrives—he still says no.

In the end, God says:

“I sent you help—you just didn’t receive it.”

What Does This Mean for Us Today?

Healing can come through:

- Prayer
- Community
- Wisdom
- **Medicine and opportunity**

For those living with lupus, especially in Black communities, clinical trials may be one of those opportunities.

Why It Matters

Lupus disproportionately affects Black women, yet we are often underrepresented in research. That means treatments aren’t always built with us in mind.

Clinical trials help change that.

Clinical Trials Are:

- ✓ Safe and regulated
- ✓ Guided by strict ethical protections
- ✓ Designed to keep participants informed and respected

Learning about clinical trials is not a lack of faith—it’s faith in action.

Faith in Action Looks Like:

- Access to new treatments and expert care
- Helping improve healthcare for future generations
- Caring for your health and your community

Start the Conversation

Ask your doctor:

Are there clinical trials right for me?

What are the risks and benefits?

How does this fit with my care and beliefs?

A Message for Our Community

We are called to care for the **whole person—body, mind, and spirit.**

Sometimes we wait for answers... And sometimes, **the answer has already arrived.**

Will we recognize it? Will we receive it?

