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We all have problems every now and then, but we tend to forget that some of our problems are nothing compared to some of the things other people have to go through. There are people who are homeless, can’t hear or see, have lost a loved one, or don’t have much food, and those are just a few of the trials people have to go through. One of the biggest and scariest problems people all over the world have to deal with is cancer. Cancer is the second cause of death following only heart disease. There are over 200 types of cancer, some are more deadly than others, but all of them can do serious damage if not treated properly and quickly, and the treatments don’t always work. Cancer took my great grandfather before I was born, I never knew him but from the stories my family has told me, he was a great guy. I know many people who have cancer, and I know many people who have died from it. Cancer is referred to as the ‘silent killer’ that’s because unless a trained physician looks for it you won’t know you have cancer until the 3rd or 4th stage, that’s when the symptoms start. Some of the worst cancers in the world are Skin cancer, Lung cancer, and Breast cancer, just to name a few. Let me tell you a little about these three cancers. Skin cancer may not be the number one cancer in the world but it is in the US, it is often caused by sun overexposure and an unhealthy diet. There are two types of skin cancer, one of them is melanoma, it is a very serious and dangerous type of skin cancer. Lung cancer is also a very serious type of cancer, it is primarily caused by smoking and drinking. A lot of people who have suffered or have been diagnosed with this cancer are either a cigarette chain smoker or an alcoholic. To prevent this type of cancer we need to stay away from alcohol and cigarettes as much as possible. Breast cancer is also very serious, especially for women, but men can get it, too. Did you know one in eight women will develop invasive breast cancer in her lifetime? Whereas a man’s lifetime risk of developing breast cancer is about one in 883. Breast cancer is the second most common cause for cancer death for women following lung cancer. According to breastcancer.org it’s estimated that 268,600 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women just in the US in 2019 along with 62,930 new
cases of non-invasive breast cancer. Cancer is very scary, that is why we need to honor the people who have it but continue to fight. Ever since I can remember I’ve had this dream to find a cure for cancer, and I am going to make it happen. Cancer has hurt too many people and taken too many lives away. When God is ready he will show someone how to stop cancer for good, until then all we can do is keep fighting and never lose hope. Here is a question I have, I’m going to do what I can to stop cancer, will you?