

Cat Eyebrows. Really?

Have you ever looked at a cat's face? Their eyebrows in particular? Just a few hairs sticking out as if they were whiskers growing out of their forehead in between their eyes. Well, that's sort of what I have.



Most of you know that I had Hodgkin's Lymphoma a while back. (2016 – 2017) After the first few chemotherapy treatments, I started to lose my hair. After a few months, there was none to speak of. When that happens, you lose your hair everywhere, including your eye lashes and brows. It takes months after the treatments stop to regrow any hair, anywhere. To my relief, my armpit and leg hair hardly grew back. (Which meant seldom having to shave those areas.) The hair on my head grew back nicely if slightly greyer. However, my eyebrows are a different story. They are thick in the middle near my nose with almost none further out. And they grow way up my forehead like a cat's. So, I am plucking and waxing in the center and cutting and trimming at the ends. If I were to let them grow wild, they would look just like cat whiskers growing out of my forehead. It's a daily chore using eyebrow pencil to fill in between the sparse ones at the end. Men may not identify with this, but women will.

So, why am I telling you about my eyebrows? As I was fussing with them the other morning, it dawned on me that I am cancer free and have been for 5 years now. Had I not gotten the diagnosis when I did, had the great care that I had or gotten the treatments that killed it, I would not be here today.

The only way I got through any of it was with the strength of God. Having the faith that I would be OK, knowing that God had a plan either way. Every day I am grateful to be here, on this earth. Living, laughing, and loving. Every day I thank God for giving me a path to salvation through His Son, Jesus.


In doing research to write about this whole eyebrow thing, I found a reference to eyebrows in [Leviticus 14](#). This chapter describes "*The Ritual for Cleansing Healed Lepers*". It's a detailed step by step process which includes:

*... on the seventh day he shall shave all the hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows—
all his hair he shall shave off. Leviticus 14:9a*

Which got me thinking. Is cancer not a modern-day leprosy? Is all your hair falling out from chemotherapy not akin to shaving off all your hair? To cleanse the leper, sacrifices, rituals and burnt offerings were also needed in a specific manner and sequence. These were instruction to God's people concerning how to live Holy between 1446 and 1406 BC. Although the cancer treatment does not include those things, it still has do be done in a very supervised and specific way. Cancer does not have the stigma having leprosy did as being an "unclean" person. But it carries its' own weight. A weight than can feel very heavy. So, who am I to complain if I have weird eyebrows?

When I am trying to get my eyebrows to look human rather than animal, I have to remind myself that it is a pretty good hand off. So, what if my eyebrows are funky? It doesn't change the way I hug. It doesn't change the depth of my love. And it certainly doesn't change my faith in my ever-loving Heavenly Father. They're just eyebrows!

To God be the Glory! Crazy eyebrows and all!


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