

Fear / Crying

Well he (doctor) called me at work and told me, you know that the test came back and that . . . was cancerous. It was really awful for me because when I was at work I started crying. The first thing I thought of was that I was going to die because my great-grandma died of breast cancer. And so I told my . . . my girlfriend. She asked what was wrong and I told her. And she was a lot comfort to me . . .



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I was scared, I was hurt because I thought God was punishing me and the one thing I didn't want [is] a [punishment], the people I didn't want to punish were my sisters, my nieces and my daughter . . . you know it was not too much for me . . . , I was thinking of them more. . . . I didn't want [to] die, cause I wanted [to] live and see my nieces and my daughter grow up and get married, it was pretty scary but, . . . you just have to go and try to find out because waiting doesn't help and I almost waited too long.