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I . . . went in there and they told me the possibility of me losing my hair, I could handle that you know, I thought well I can handle that, but the actual part of removing the breast no, I said I cannot and I also prayed about that . . . And [my brother] says, well . . . , are you bald yet? And I says, no, and he says oh shucks, I always wanted a bald sister. And I says no, the wig is still up in the closet, you know.

Other Physical Reactions to the Treatments

A friend had called in the afternoon and I'm talking late in the afternoon and I was just getting out of bed. And see that was normal for me to start sleeping until 3'o'clock. Is this your normal, is this what your normal routine is now? Well, how long does it take you to make your bed? Let me ask that." And I said "Well I don't know, maybe an hour. You know, put one blanket down, sit down, do another, sit down." And that wasn't normal. But I, I couldn't, I wouldn't have known that. I wouldn't have known any different because I just thought, that's what happened to you when you're going through this treatment. I know I can only do one important thing today. Whether it's take my dog for a walk, or got get something to eat, do my laundry". That would be it for the day. And the rest of the day I was down. That is not living, that's not living, at all . . .



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