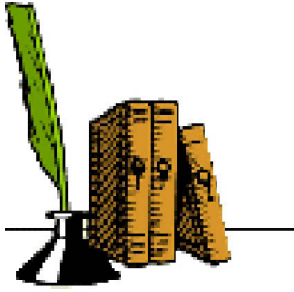


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# Doubly Praise the Lord!

**Instead of a stent, the Lord Jesus gave a wonderful Miracle!** I went to the hospital on February the 11<sup>th</sup> 2015 as planned and prepared for the procedure of placing a stent. After making the decision to proceed by faith with the doctor's recommendation, God spoke; **"Fear not, I Am with you."** Amen

The doctors proceeded with the preparation and began to insert the camera for an agio gram through an artery in my right wrist. Within 5 minutes they withdrew the camera and excitedly said; **"You do not need a stent, you only have a normal buildup of calcium in your artery!"** I shouted Praise the Lord in the operating room and so did 3 or 4 others who with great smiles and joy knew that God had done a wonderful miracle for me.

The pain and heaviness in my left side had left and youth returned to me in such a wonderful way. On the day after I carried chairs to move our office up 15 stair steps along with several other items. At least 4 times I went up and down the stairs and now I write to you. **"Have faith in God!"**

### FIRST WRITING ON THIS WONDERFUL STORY.

After several weeks of feeling something was wrong in the left side of my chest I began to pray about it. I was believing all along that it was a problem in my left lung because of the heavy feeling and at times coughing with heavy mucus production. Thank the Lord Jesus; **His Mercy has revealed to me February 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 by MRI Scan a 70% blockage in my RCA = Right Coronary Artery. I say mercy because some never find this out until they are rushed to the hospital.**

I made quickly the decision by faith to proceed with the 20 minute stent insertion operation that is described below in a very reputable India Specialty Hospital here in Bangalore where we have spent many hours praying for others, and saw the hand of the Lord working very many special miracles.

### How Are Stents Placed?

Doctors place stents in arteries as part of a procedure called percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI), sometimes referred to as [coronary angioplasty](#). To place a stent, your doctor will make a small opening in a blood vessel in your groin (upper thigh), arm, or neck. Through this opening, your doctor will thread a thin, flexible tube called a catheter. The catheter will have a deflated balloon at its tip.

A stent is placed around the deflated balloon. Your doctor will move the tip of the catheter to the narrow section of the artery or to the [aneurysm](#) or aortic tear site. Special x-ray movies will be taken of the tube as it's threaded through your blood vessel. These movies will help your doctor position the catheter.

## For Arteries Narrowed by Plaque

Your doctor will use special dye to help show narrow or blocked areas in the artery. He or she will then move the catheter to the area and inflate the balloon. As the balloon inflates, it pushes the plaque against the artery wall. This widens the artery and helps restore blood flow. The fully extended balloon also expands the stent, pushing it into place in the artery.

The balloon is deflated and pulled out along with the catheter. The stent remains in your artery. Over time, cells in your artery grow to cover the mesh of the stent. They create an inner layer that looks like the inside of a normal blood vessel.

## Coronary Artery Stent Placement

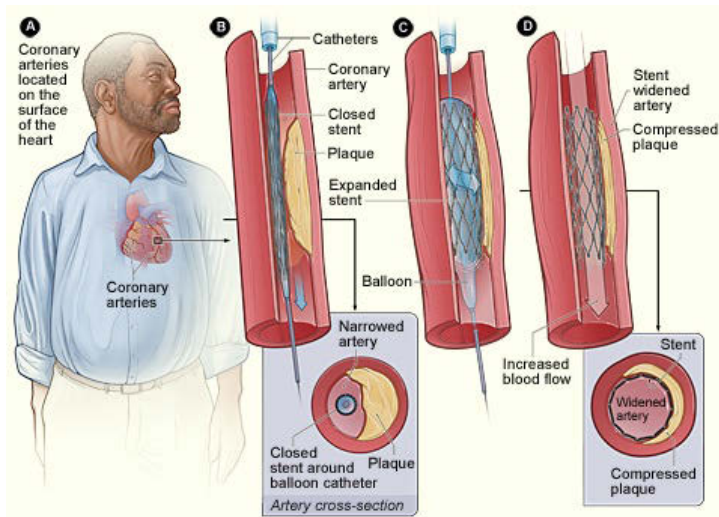


Figure A shows the location of the heart and coronary arteries. Figure B shows the deflated balloon catheter and closed stent inserted into the narrow coronary artery. The inset image shows a cross-section of the artery with the inserted balloon catheter and closed stent. In figure C, the balloon is inflated, expanding the stent and compressing the plaque against the artery wall. Figure D shows the stent-widened artery. The inset image shows a cross-section of the compressed plaque and stent-widened artery.

A very narrow artery, or one that's hard to reach with a catheter, may require more steps to place a stent. At first, your doctor may use a small balloon to expand the artery. He or she then removes the balloon. The small balloon is replaced with a larger balloon that has a collapsed stent around it. At this point, your doctor can follow the standard process of compressing the plaque and placing the stent.

Doctors use a special filter device when doing PCI and stent placement on the carotid arteries. The filter helps keep blood clots and loose pieces of plaque from traveling to the brain during the procedure.

## For Aortic Aneurysms

The procedure to place a stent in an artery with an aneurysm is very similar to the one described above. However, the stent used to treat an aneurysm is different. It's made out of pleated fabric instead of metal mesh, and it often has one or more tiny hooks. The stent is expanded to fit tight against the artery wall. The hooks latch on to the wall of the artery, holding the stent in place.

The stent creates a new inner lining for that portion of the artery. Over time, cells in the artery grow to cover the fabric. They create an inner layer that looks like the inside of a normal blood vessel.

**After making the decision by faith to operate, the Lord spoke to me; "Fear not for I am with you!"**

When meditating on these things I was reminded of the following scriptures that teach how we as ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ must learn how to suffer with Jesus so we too can have compassion on those the Spirit draws.

### Hebrews 5:1-2

For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; **for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.**

### 2 Timothy 2:6-10

**The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits.** Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised

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from the dead according to my gospel: **Wherein I suffer trouble, as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound.** Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

**Let there be Glory and Honour to our God, the Lord Jesus Christ in all things!**

Amen!

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