



April 2, 2008

Dear Praying Friends,

On March first, Joshua preached a message on James 1:2-8, at a Men for Missions meeting at Tri-City Baptist Church, in Independence, MO. The message was titled "Willing to Suffer" and asserted the truth that "You should be willing to suffer joyfully." Eight days later, God put us to the test, when an emergency room doctor told us that we were losing our second pregnancy at twelve weeks.

The loss of our child has been very difficult to deal with. We have cried a lot. It has been and continues to be very difficult. But we have felt God's gracious hand through this hardship.

We were thankful that when it happened, we were staying with Joshua's sister. What a blessing family is during difficult times. Joshua continued calling churches, but we consider it providential that we did not have any meetings for three weeks.

Please pray for us. It's impossible to understand why God has allowed this tragedy to come a second time, but we are doing our best to trust that the Lord's ways are higher and better than our wants. We are very sad, but want to honor and glorify God even through this. **Please pray that He will give us the grace to think biblically and to respond with joy even in sadness.**

Please continue to pray:

1. for physical and emotional healing,
2. that we would trust God in all things and respond biblically to suffering,
3. that God would give us 21 more meetings for the year (only one is scheduled in April),

Your prayer are comforting,

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