



Dear Prayer Partner,

I pray that God's faithfulness in your life is being revealed to you moment by moment.

In July I was forced to take a vacation of sorts. I had an accident and sustained a compression fracture of the tibia behind my left knee cap. If you're thinking to yourself "ouch" you are correct. At first I thought (or was hoping) it was just sprained, but after 10 days or so I realized that I needed to seek medical attention. I got in to a doctor pretty quickly, and the doctor referred me to a trauma surgeon who immediately got a CT scan done and scheduled me for surgery. I had surgery on July 13th, and it will be another two to three months (yes, months) before I can put any weight on my left leg. My wheelchair and walker have become my best friends.

While I've been laid up, all of the worship services have been suspended but beginning in early August I will be resuming services on a modified schedule to reduce my workload while I continue to heal. I have recently felt that God wanted me to make some adjustments to the schedule, but had it not been for this incident, I likely would not have made any changes. One of my personal faults is that I am like my three-year-old in that I can often miss the "still small voice" of God and only hear a full-out yell. This incident has been a sort of "yell" for me, so now the necessary changes are in the process of being made. Please pray for me to have the physical stamina to drive myself to each facility so that Megan and the children will not have to chauffeur me to multiple services each week.

I ask that you also pray for us as the dust begins to settle with all of the medical bills. Megan and I have not had any health insurance for several years now. We expected that once the ministry was bringing in enough support that we would be able to get some sort of medical insurance, but the monthly financial support is still considerably below budget and is not adequate to support us in that way. Also, because I have a pre-existing condition (Multiple Sclerosis), private health insurance for me here in Michigan would prove to be very, very expensive, and only one insurance provider in the state will even take me on. So this knee incident has been a costly one for our family as we have had to be "self-pay" with the doctors, the hospital, the anesthesiologist, and physical therapists.

Since I have been laid up I have had the opportunity to read the scriptures and spend some time in prayerful contemplation (not just for sermon preparation) and it has been a time well worth the blown knee. I've been reading the Prophet Jeremiah again, and in chapter one, verse 19, God calls Jeremiah to His service, telling the prophet that in times of trouble He will have his back "for I am with you and will rescue you." I found comfort in this as Megan and I have concluded that we too have been called to the service of God in this ministry. Our calling differs from Jeremiah's call in that ours lacks the perceived glamor of the office of a prophet, but still we share the fact that we have (like Jeremiah) been called to God's service. Megan and I are comforted in knowing that since God had Jeremiah's back, then it stands to reason that He must also have our backs as well. With the financial dust from this medical disaster settling around us, we find that we have faith to remain strong as we wait for Him as He will indeed help us in our time of need. So please remember to pray for us as to have patience and to wait for God to move through this situation.

I am already looking forward to writing the September prayer letter so that I can report how we've seen God's faithfulness in our current circumstances. God bless you this next month – may you too know the faithfulness of our God.

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