

Dear Pastors,

I know that most of you have been following the unfolding story of the Boswith family. In case you have been in a cave somewhere, let me summarize what is happening in their lives.

Mike pastors our church in Huntington Beach. Several months ago his son Grant, a high school senior, was taken to the hospital with Strep Throat. Through a series of events I will not take the time to detail, Grant ended up in a near vegetative state--conscious but unable to walk, talk or control his body. He has been in a care facility, but last week they took him home. They had to remodel their home to care for him, and he will need 24/7 care for the rest of his life, unless God heals him. The doctors give no hope for further recovery.

Over the past couple of weeks Carol, Mike's wife and Grant's mom, has been very sick. Last week she was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, and the doctors have given her no hope.

The theme for this family over the past few months has been "no hope." They have coped with it heroically, but they are at the end of their resources. Mike, especially, though he appears calm and remarkably stable, has to be undergoing more stress than any man should be asked to take.

Luke 18:27 says: "What is impossible with men is possible with God." The doctors give Grant no hope of recovery. They give Carol no hope of recovery. But, people of God, we know that what is impossible with man is possible with God! God made those bodies. He knows exactly what is wrong with them, and he knows what to do to fix the problems.

The time comes in every human life when God chooses not to heal, and takes his child home to heaven. Grant and Carol are both ready to go, spiritually. But there are times when God can get the honor and the Kingdom can advance when God does a clear miracle. God says sometimes we have not because we ask not.

So let's ask. Anaheim District pastors, I want to ask you to make this Sunday a day of prayer in your churches for the Boswith family. Pray for miraculous, clear healing and recovery for Grant and for Carol. Pray for the Peace that Passes Understanding for Mike. Ask your people not to listen passively while you pray, but to pray with you. There is great power when we agree in prayer.

I would remind you to support Mike and Carol with a phone call, a card, or a visit. Call before you go--these are busy days for them--but let's gather around them and be the family of God they need at this point in their lives.

Thank you so much for your support for the Boswith family in these amazingly trying days.

Serving Him with You,

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