

the chronicles of Dave & Katie

NOT OUR WILL

MARCH 2021

Well, we certainly have had a different start to 2021 than we had planned. Most of you know a lot of what we have been through, but I will elaborate anyway.

Christmas Eve, David got up at 4:30 am to start the grill that is on our rooftop. We were planning to host a Christmas lunch for those at our church that don't have family here or their family doesn't celebrate Christmas. Coming down, David missed a step on the bottom of the stairs and tore 3 of the 4 ligaments in his knee. The next few days (weeks, honestly) were a blurry tornado of every emotion as David

had emergency knee surgery. There are horror stories of egregious medical care and miraculous stories of God providing in so many ways.

There are more stories than can fit in a book and David is about halfway through his recovery. His leg was immobilized in a brace for the first 6 weeks. Since then, the range of movement on the brace has been increased every 2 weeks. We are hoping he can be healed enough to begin physical therapy in April, which will last another 3-ish months. Each week has brought healing and small steps of life returning to normal.

During this time, David got a call from his dad in Charleston, that after a few years of dialysis, he had decided to stop, which meant he would only have a couple of days left to live. He passed away on January 21. Two weeks later, we got a message that a friend of David's from college had also passed away suddenly.

In all of this, when we can barely think or barely pray, God is here. He is sustaining us in His quiet voice, in people running errands, surprise meals, flowers and care packages, prayers from afar, prayers side-by-side, and in His unwavering assurance that He is in control.

I spent a lot of time meditating on Nehemiah 8:10; "...Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." True joy isn't found in the absence of sorrow but in the middle of it. Even as David heals, we continue to praise and trust God will use this for His glory and His purposes.

We thank you all so much for your overwhelming love, prayers, and encouragement. We are constantly reminded that we are a part of an amazing group of people that walk beside us, whether or not you are close by. We are here and we can continue our ministry because of you!



Until all have heard.
-David and Katie



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