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NEWSLETTER

LOOKING BACK

The journey so far has felt a bit like everything and anything all at once: New additional ministry role on top of my work at fusion, and the birth of our firstborn Callahan to completely change our lives. It has been a blessing and opportunity to balance my life with it's wonderful privileges of work and family, but it has at times revealed a sense of weakness, weariness and helplessness.

God is teaching me what Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10:

"...My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in need, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

I am praying I will faithfully serve and glorify God in all circumstances that his sovereignty and wisdom have willed me to be in. Please continue to pray for me in this area, and that I would have patience and wisdom when faced with discouragement and obstacles in ministry.



LOOKING FORWARD

It has been wonderful to serve in ministries with and to so many different types of people.

This term at Crossfire(Yr6-8), we are going through the book of Hebrews. Pray that we can point these young people to the glory and fullness of Christ as the fulfilment of the Old Testament.

A particular area of challenge for me is our Young Adults ministry that we kicked off this year. I am in the middle of a restructure and reset in discussion with the Young Adults to bring life into this important ministry. Please pray for this, as without the hand of God no ministry can succeed. I am thoroughly enjoying serving at Lets Go! Jesusclub which ministers to intellectually disabled adults. It is a humbling ministry, and I am looking forward to building my relationships with the people there further.

On August 13th I am preaching my first sermon at Glenbrook's 9:00AM service. I am excited and nervous! I am praying for energy, clarity of mind, wisdom and humility as I prepare. I am praying for voice worthy of His word.

PRAYER

- *Sickness has been a prevalent issue for all 3 in the Evans home. Please pray for reprieve and energy.*
- *Pray for me for wisdom and confidence in preparation for my first sermon.*
- *Pray that I can be a more patient and loving Husband and Father.*
- *Pray that those I minister to will hear God's word and know him as Lord and saviour of their lives.*