



THE LOSS OF CAMELOT

Most women in my generation, when they were young, dreamed of growing up and being courted, then married to a handsome prince, much like King Arthur's Camelot. They hoped for a magical "happily ever after" – a life of love, family, and fulfillment. And it is my prayer that every woman finds that one man who treasures her and counts her as his princess.

I think the hardest thing we go through in life is losing the love of our life, the one person we adore most. I know if I were to lose Vicky, it would be devastating for me, but I would have to go on. She is the love of my life, my partner, and co-laborer in all of God's works we do through Far Reaching Ministries (FRM).

I recently met a Christian brother, who told me his nephew, Tyler, was preparing to go home to be with the Lord. Tyler is only in his early 30s, but cancer has consumed most of his body. He was diagnosed in September and as of late November, he is in hospice.

**PLEASE PRAY
FOR THIS FAMILY**

He is leaving behind a wife, Spenser, and three small children—from two to five years old. My friend described Tyler as a young man who found his career and recently settled into a good job with opportunities for growth and advancement. He says Tyler and Spenser joined a vibrant evangelical church in their city and were growing in their faith. Tyler's family has rallied around the couple yet sadly medically all options, including alternative treatments, were unsuccessful.

Spenser's mother died of cancer about four years ago, and her father is not in the picture, limiting the support system for this young mother. The extended family have come together to replace money for the wages that Tyler is not able to earn right now, but this is only a temporary solution.

James 1:27 exhorts us, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

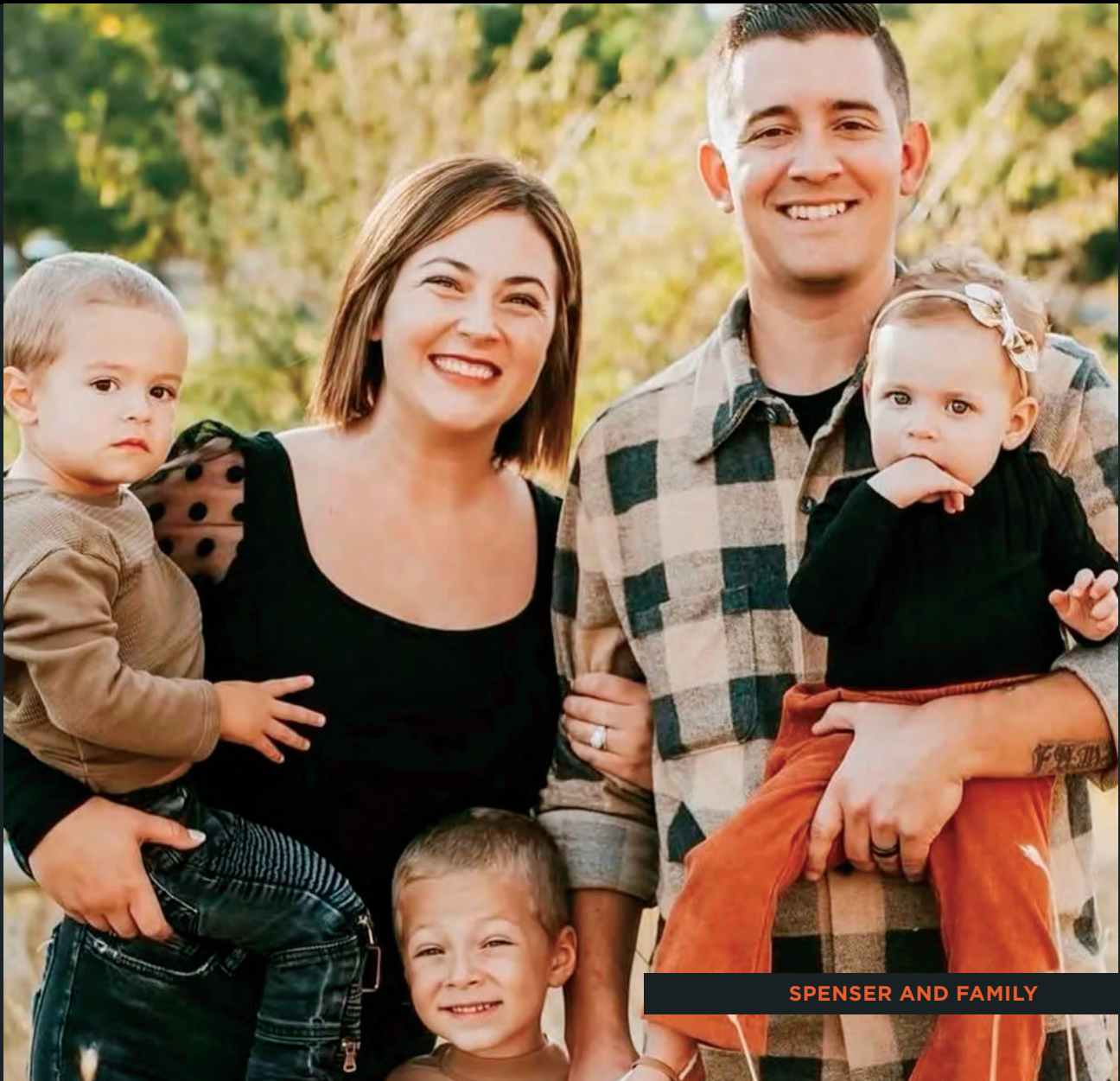
FRM has agreed to pay their rent of \$2,390 for the next six months. But I sense the Lord leading me to ask all of you to help FRM create a way to help vulnerable families in their distresses. I have shared with all of you, this is the heart of our Potatoes for Grandmothers program in Eastern Europe. We reach out to the vulnerable: the elderly, the widows and their children, orphans, those sick and alone, or any who are left with no way to help themselves. We, as the Body of Christ, reach out with love, practical help, and messages of eternal hope from the Scriptures. I believe the Lord wants us to start this program here by helping Tyler's family to survive. We want to offer Spenser support until her children can all start school, so she can get a full-time job.

Most of us do not have enough extra to support a young family, but when we all put our gifts together, we can

make a difference. The Apostle Paul often spoke to the church about giving as an extension of the hands of Jesus, and he reminds us every gift will bear rewards for the giver.

Vicky and I are going to personally sign up for monthly support for this new ministry and it is my prayer that you will consider joining us. We can accept gifts of any size, from \$10 (the amount of a subscription to an app or movie content provider) or whatever you can afford to give.

As a pastor, I have seen many men pass away and leave their wives without life insurance or even the ability to pay the next month's mortgage or rent. I encourage all of you that do not have life insurance, please make it a priority, and get it. As men who lead and protect our



SPENSER AND FAMILY

homes, we must look at this situation as if this were our wife and children, and we were dying and leaving them in dire straits. Nothing should be more troubling than our wife and children's survival if we are not there to care for them. With many of the widows I have met, their husbands were godly men who loved their families, yet just never thought about getting life insurance. The last thing a grieving widow needs is to face financial hardship as she struggles to rebuild her whole life.

I was speaking with a pastor friend and telling him how Vicky and I are praying for this young man to be restored. I have seen some, but not many, supernatural miracles like this. He responded, "Wes, the fact that you do not even know this woman and want to care for her is a miracle." I am not sharing this to boast but to show that we can be the vessel God uses to help someone in tremendous pain.

I was talking to another pastor today about how Jesus said you will be my witness into Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the world. While many churches have the first two down but completely miss the other two—Samaria and the ends of the world, missing half of the Great Commission. We must not overlook widows and just care for orphans, missing a key command in God's plan for our lives. I feel FRM is doing well in supporting orphans, the elderly, and we have started supporting four new orphanages in the last couple of years. We feed many elderly people and children, but we need to put more focus on widows, and I sense it is time to help even here in our own Jerusalem.

Please remember to pray for Spenser, if God does not intervene, she is likely to lose her husband before Christmas. I do not want her to have to worry about ushering in the new year with stress on how to keep a roof over her and her children's heads. Instead, I want her to know that the Body of Christ does show God's love tangibly. You can give a one-time gift or sign up for monthly donations of \$10, \$50, \$75 or \$100 and we will make sure that it all goes to the family.

The Bible says, in as much as you have done it to the least of these, you have done it to Me. I pray God uses this new program to enable those reeling from the pain and shock of loss to feel God's love through His church.

It is terrible to lose the dream of a "happily ever after". Even when we do not understand, we can trust that God is just and loving. He says the righteous are taken away and no one understands, but it is to save them from

evil days. God told King Jeroboam's wife that her son would die because He saw something good in the child. Meaning God did not want this child to grow up under his wicked father. These are hard times to trust, but we must know that God will use this trial in ways we cannot see. Camelot is just a fiction story, but God's kingdom will be forever.

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In other news, our chaplains in Ukraine are with the soldiers at the front and leading many to Christ. The winter conditions make fighting very difficult, and they need prayer. I have not kept up with how many lives they have saved, but it is well over 500 and probably closer to 1,000. One of the needs is fuel for vehicles to carry out rescue operations. Currently, \$20,000 is needed to purchase about 4,000 gallons of fuel and this will help get them through the winter.



OUR CHAPLAINS AT THE FRONT WITH THE TROOPS



MANY MEN ARE COMING TO CHRIST

900 BABIES RESCUED



Calvary Chapel Old Bridge purchased a van equipped with a sonogram machine to show women contemplating abortion their unborn child.

It is estimated that 90 percent of women who see their unborn child do not go through with an abortion. The purchase of the van resulted in the rescue of over 930 children not being aborted and 120 men and women giving their lives to Christ. The church is seeking to purchase another van, which is projected to save another 400 lives a year. To make this a reality, they need to raise about \$200,000. Far Reaching Ministries wants to help in this noble cause.

If you would like to partner with us in this noble cause, please mark **"Sonogram Machine Van"** on the enclosed gift card, along with your donation. All donations we receive will be sent to Calvary Chapel Old Bridge with no administrative costs withheld.

HELP FOR SPENSER



In addition to our Potatoes for Grandmothers program in Eastern Europe, Far Reaching Ministries (FRM) will be starting a program here in the US to care for widows.

We are told in James 1:27 to care for widows and orphans in their

time of distress and we will start by providing for Spenser who will most likely lose her husband due to cancer before Christmas. She will be left alone with her three children, all under the age of five.

As the Body of Christ, we want to show Spenser God's love not only with the message of eternal hope through the Scriptures, but tangibly also. FRM has committed to helping Spenser with her rent for the next six months.

If you would consider it a privilege to help this family to survive, please mark **"Help for Spenser"** on the enclosed gift card, along with your donation.

FUEL FOR UKRAINE



Our chaplains in Ukraine are with the soldiers at the front and leading many to Christ. Winter conditions make fighting very difficult, and they need your prayers. With the war in Ukraine having gone on for almost two years, supplies are extremely limited.

One of the great needs is fuel for vehicles to carry out rescue operations. Currently, \$20,000 is needed to purchase about 4,000 gallons of fuel to help get them through winter.

If you would like to help fulfill this urgent need, please mark **"Fuel for Ukraine"** on the enclosed gift card, along with your donation.



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