
Subject: Week 31 & 5 days: still squash
Posted by [Jamie](#) on Tue, 01 Nov 2011 19:48:48 GMT
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This last week has been horrible, outside pregnancy.

Our estranged family has started again, slowly and underground, but managed to lasso in my son who was already dealing with difficulties in both addiction and struggling with rebellion (or residual rebellion?). They've got him so twisted up...and I don't think I've gone a day this month without crying, it's been so stressful. The estranged family didn't even start until a couple of weeks ago that I'm aware of...but we didn't know about it until earlier this week. I can't even go into detail, but he wasn't communicating with us for a good bit there, and we had no idea where he was, if he was safe or ok or any way of really contacting him. I honestly was bopping around with anything from his being suicidal to being snagged by the estranged grandparents. I was semi right on one account. While this is not baby-related, I honestly fear another estrangement will hit by the end of the year, or a soft-estrangement (no warmth and minimal contact). I so do not want him to go that route or to be influenced in that direction. I can't explain without writing a book, but he is in danger. He's hurting, and spiraling and trying all at the same time. I fear he'll overwhelm himself. He's certainly overwhelming me. Prayers would be appreciated, as I don't have a large group to ask for prayers or, for that matter, many places I even feel safe requesting because of judgements and remarks.

For the baby front, two days ago the little one began to make himself more well known. He's kicking very hard now compared to before. Still doesn't hurt, but sometimes is sudden and strong enough to surprise...he certainly can be seen now, and in the last couple of days I don't have to hold my breath staring when he's active...and that's the other thing...he's active: multiple kicks and punches in a row, both very high up (right below where my first rib is, and just above the lower diagonal of that position). I don't think someone could feel him straight flat on my tummy, but definitely on my sides (but still in areas that are too "familiar" to let the church ladies know about).

My eldest daughter helped me to declutter a large portion of our bedroom for future crib placement. She's even campaigning for a few names now.

Subject: Re: Week 31 & 5 days: still squash
Posted by [Tamara E](#) on Wed, 02 Nov 2011 00:12:46 GMT
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Jamie, I am praying for you and your son and entire family situation and trusting the Lord to work mightily on your behalf!

Will be keeping you all in prayer!

With love and hugs,
Tamara

Subject: Re: Week 31 & 5 days: still squash
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I appreciate it, Tamara. Thank you.
