

BABYWATCH!

Kevin and I have been on “baby watch” for the past month. Our daughter is pregnant with her second child and needing someone to come to the house to watch Josiah when she and her husband head to the hospital. So what does “baby watch” involve?

-We have had our “hospital” bags packed and in the trunk, for the past several weeks. Every morning I put my glasses in my purse when I put in my contacts.

-We make sure that our cell phones are charged at all times (and check them regularly!)

-We let her know the times that we are in meetings and won't be able to check our phones.

-We have arranged with our neighbor to let the dog out if we are called away.

-We have arranged with our employers for time off when needed. Since I do a lot of traveling with my job, I have planned to primarily be in the office the closer to her due date.

We have been very intentional to be ready for when we get the call that her time to deliver is here. We want to be ready in every way possible.

This state of preparedness has caused me to ask the question- do I have the same sense of anticipation and preparedness for the return of Christ. I believe in the imminent return of Christ, that it could happen at any time. But, am I truly ready in the sense that I am watching, waiting and anticipating the rapture of the Church? In the parable of the ten virgins awaiting the return of their bridegroom, some were ready and some were not. Some had let the oil in their lamps get too low.

This past fall we went through the study “Are We Living in the Last Days” by Jan Markell. As a result of this study, we were challenged to be more bold in sharing the gospel because truly today is the day of salvation.

I want to anticipate the rapture with the same preparedness that I have had while being on “baby watch”. We now have a beautiful granddaughter (worth the wait) and soon we will be with Christ (definitely worth the wait).

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