Lessons Learned

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Lessons learned from choosing to carry to term.

Throughout my pregnancy I felt that I needed to fight for my daughter as long as I felt that she was fighting. When she stopped fighting we needed to let go. I wondered if I would recognize that when it happened. I did. I learned that I can make that kind of choice when I have nothing but what I feel to go on.

Sidney taught us to serve unselfishly. When I was pregnant, our children had to help out more. I had to endure discomfort and follow rigid dietary controls. My husband had to do many things for me that I was no longer permitted to do myself. When I was pregnant with Sidney, our home was more peaceful and content than at any other time.

I learned to totally depend on the Lord for the understanding I needed to make choices when I could get help from no one else. More so than before, I learned to recognize feelings of peace as an answer.

I learned how to better respond to other people who are experiencing tragedy and grief, and to better respect differences between people in those responses.

I learned that when I am left alone to stand strong and make the unpopular choice, I can. I am no crusader, and never will be, but when I have to stand and fight, I can.