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Prayer Requests

- Pray for his family and wife, Sam, to grieve well; feel freedom to mourn their loss
- Andrew's impact on Butler would last and his memory not quickly fade away
- Our hearts and minds would be quickened to share the gospel with soberness; motivated by love to share truth

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Honoring Christ in death as in life

"Andrew was a man of character. He didn't just care about the big spiritual things but worked hard, treated people with respect, and served his wife. He valued Scripture. His faith was strengthened over the last two years by studying the Word and believing God's promises. Even though he was shy and not great with words, he wasn't ashamed to talk about his faith. He often took an opportunity to tell others that he loved Jesus."

These words were spoken about Andrew Smith, a former Butler basketball player who recently passed away from Leukemia after a two year on-and-off battle. Bobby Barbour, one of our team leaders, had the privilege of discipling Andrew for two years during his time at Butler. His words strike me hard. *Would I have the fortitude and spiritual integrity to continue trusting God and believing He is good?*

Andrew was fortunate to be part of both Butler men's basketball teams that made it to the NCAA Final Four in 2010 and 2011. As Butler was being thrust onto the national basketball scene, Andrew was learning how to acknowledge God among his peers and the media. It's not an easy task. But beyond the basketball trials and success, God was preparing him for a harder task: choosing joy amidst pain.

There are many questions now that Andrew has passed on. The entire Butler campus is mourning. Even though most current Butler students didn't know him personally, it still hits close to home. He was one of them. **Will you pray with us that Andrew's life and testament to his faith would ring true in the hearts of Butler students and faculty?** The fragility of life is clearer in this time. Let us pray that redemption in Christ will be found and cherished by many.

Read more about the Smiths' journey at kickingcancerwiththesmiths.wordpress.com