

## The Faith of a Child

*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.—Romans 8:18*

I wonder if I could say that if I faced the trials that a fifteen year old boy in Michigan faced a few weeks ago. He had a sore leg and went to the doctor to find out how he could relieve the pain. After some tests, he was told that he had a cancerous tumor from his ankle to his calf. He was faced with a decision to amputate which should remove the possibility of it spreading or try less invasive procedures that might allow the cancer to spread. He chose amputation above the knee.

Sadly, many young people face similar physical trials but not too many respond as this young man did. Just before surgery, he asked a friend to write a verse on his good leg. Yes, Romans 8:18 was a testimony to his faith that his sufferings will produce glory to his Savior.

The faith of another child challenged me this week. Ethan is a six year old with autism. Last Saturday, he stood in the rain with his family and watched his house burn to the ground. They lost all their belongings in the fire, only having enough money to buy one new set of clothes apiece. Through the support of many Christian friends they were given a house to live in until they are able to rebuild.

They now have a bed for each of the children. As the boys were tucked in bed, the four year old began to sob. Soon his crying was out of control. Ethan, came over to him, hugged him and kissed him and said, "Don't cry, God is with us."

Both these young people demonstrated their faith and assurance that God will see them through difficult times.