



Taken in 2002, our 5yr old son, Foster recovers from brain surgeries in an effort to reduce the frequency of his seizures. Surrounding him is his uncle Brian (left), Father and Uncle Kevin while at Detroit Children's Hospital.



Ten years later the young men pose for another photo to mark the blessed occasion.

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Ten Years and Counting.

As June of 2012 neared, something needed to be done to mark the 10 year anniversary of Foster's brain surgery. Do we throw a party? Do we send post-cards? Or do we create a video?

Daring to Dream

While on a 4 hour flight from Park City, Utah in February, I opened up the laptop computer and began to type. When I landed in Grand Rapids, I arrived with a draft screen-play of our video story. While it had elements of the beach scene from the movie, Chariots of Fire, it was a little...how do you say it? "Cheesy." Our intentions with the video concept was to focus on how far Foster had come in the past 10 years, it wasn't until we shared our story with the videographers when we arrived at something completely different.

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As we shared our video concept with our videographers, they encouraged us to look at this concept in a different light. As we shared our tenuous story with them, it was from their encouragement that we arrived on the final product you find on our website, www.FourFoundations.org. They found great inspiration in our struggles with Foster and the decisions we considered when pregnant with our daughter. It may surprise you, however, to learn at the time we were filming our testimony, the idea of the website and the Four Foundations hadn't even entered our minds. We found our inspiration when viewing the "rough cut" video.

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Preparing for “Take Off”

After wiping the tears from our eyes after watching the draft of our video message, it occurred to us this video could become something more. With today’s technology, this video could move beyond our immediate friends and family and end up being seen by people we might not have ever known personally. Questions emerged: How would others connect with us? How would they share their struggle? What could we do? The answers arrived quickly and the more we acted upon our ideas, the more doors opened.

FourFoundations.org is born

We considered an email address at the end of the video, but that seemed impersonal. We considered Facebook, but we realized our story was more than our early choices with Foster and Madeline.

The decisions with Foster and Madeline were in the early part of our marriage. Many close to us have known the other parts of our walk. We applied the teachings of Dave Ramsey’s, Financial Peace University to our personal finances. And more recently, we overcame significant struggles in our marriage.

As we weighed all the obstacles we overcame, we believed we had more to offer. We believed we could speak to four general categories: Faith, Family, Finances and Fidelity. From there FourFoundations.org was born.



Our son and daughter are watching movies on a laptop computer while recovering from the first of two brain surgeries. The wires are connected to electrodes laying on the surface of his brain. The process is known as “cortical mapping” and helps guide the surgeon on where to remove brain tissue.

FourFoundations.org is available to assist with:

- Faith-based counseling.
- Breaking the legacy of Separation and Divorce.
- One-on-one Financial Counseling.
- Tips and Tactics for Parenting.
- Strengthening Marriages and Families.

“FourFoundations.org was founded to guide individuals and households to make Christ-centered choices in life. Successful households are built on Four Foundations: Faith, Family, Finances and Fidelity.”