

get an abortion and just pray they will be happy. Pray for them.

Laura has, I think, a second sense about some of these things. She kept telling me she was worried about Amy and wrote Amy a long letter which Amy probably received just about the time she found out she was "expecting." Anyway, we just pray that they can be happy and find their way back to the Church and temple worthiness.

Amy is still going ahead with a big reception--most of which she and her fiance are paying for themselves. Seeing the heartache of her parents makes me so grateful for you children. Thank you for serving the Lord and for living the commandments. There is no greater gift you can give your parents--because all we want is for you to be happy and we know that is the only road which can spare this kind of heartache.

I pray you are all right. When I don't hear from you I get worried. But I try not to get neurotic about it. Parents at this stage just have to have the faith to say good prayers and know you are in the BEST hands. That gives me the peace to stay off the phone to your mission president. (If I don't hear from you next week, he just might get a call anyway!)

I turned to the answering machine last week (it seems I've been on the phone all week arranging various repairs to home, cars, and bodies), and a message was there from Themma of Forward Mobility asking about the office boy they loved so much. She was wondering why she hadn't heard from you and wanted to know if you were all right. Her son is in the Marines and was just transferred to a dangerous location, so she would like our prayers, too. Nice of her to keep in touch. She's going to write you a letter and bawl you out for not writing to either of us (you just write me and I'll call her with any news).

I kept listening to the tape and on it was that family home evening lesson I gave on the three degrees of glory (and the one not so glorious) which accidentally got recorded. Really funny to listen to your and Laura's impromptu comments. Made me miss you and your sense of humor so much. I also listened again to your birthday call. You sounded wonderful! You'd better know I have a testimony. I would never let my kids leave me for missions and BYU if I didn't know this was the Lord's work. Courtney left for the MTC last week. Nancy is really feeling it and has called a couple of times because she knows I can empathize. But we wouldn't have it any other way, so we're not complaining.

Can you believe Laura is leaving our home in just 20 days? She reminds me every day of how many days are left to be nice to her and tries to extort favors by suggesting how many grandchildren she might produce some day, two of which just might be named after us! She graduates June 20th and will have one day before flying to BYU. Laura chose nine patterns she wants me to sew up so she'll