



Dear Ministry Partner,

Last year on June 12th Jennifer's grandparents, John and Mildred Brown, celebrated 62 years of marriage. Three weeks later Jennifer's grandfather passed away at 91 years old. Praise God that they honored their marriage commitment and loved each other for a lifetime! John is greatly missed, but the legacy of their love is just beginning. This spring Mildred told us that since she would not be going to a FamilyLife Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaway, she would like to pass along her ministry partner gift certificate to someone who could really use it.



We recently heard of a couple, John and Jeannette, that desperately needed some help because after almost 10 years of marriage, they were headed for divorce. We thought this would be the perfect opportunity to use Mildred's gift certificate. We had no idea that they were going to sign-up for a Weekend to Remember which was held on John and Mildred's wedding anniversary. While Mildred was spending June 12th without her husband for the first time, John and Jeannette were attending their first Weekend to Remember. Here is a portion of an email message we received from the couple after attending the weekend.



Dear Nathan and Jennifer,

Over the past ten years, *we gradually experienced the drift and were floating further and further away from each other.* I was essentially ready to give up, planning to file for separation this month. When I heard about FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember, I said we would attend and "see how it goes". So, with an open mind, we went.

The weekend really helped us. We have been able to really understand each other and in a non-combative way speak and listen to each other. Needless to say, we have a LOT of work to do. However, *after the Weekend to Remember we are no longer floating away from each other in the big sea of life. We are turning the boats around and working to achieve a state "oneness" that we both desire and that God intends for US.*

Has this weekend "saved" our marriage? I really feel like it has given us the tools to save our marriage. With prayer and a focused effort on our part, our marriage very well can be salvaged. *God willing, we still have many years ahead of us, it is not too late for us.* I would encourage anyone, no matter what stage they are in their marriage to try to attend. It is a life changing experience.

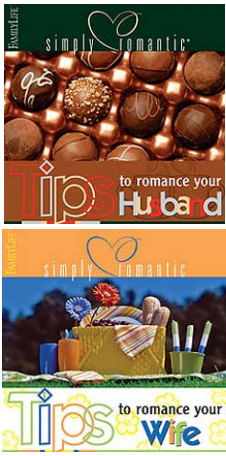
Thank you again and God Bless! Jeannette & John

Praises and Prayers

- **Praise** that 37,637 people have attended the Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaways since January of 2011. 1,377 of those people made a decision to commit their lives to Christ!!!
- **Pray** for our family as we attend Campus Crusade's United States Missionary Staff Conference in Fort Collins Colorado July 17-27. Pray that we will have safe travel, that Lucas and Allison will enjoy the special missionary kids activities, and that we will return "spiritually filled up"!
- **Pray** that we will have at least 20 couples sign-up with our group to attend the Weekend to Remember in St. Louis in November. See if God is leading you to attend or to invite a couple to join you.
- **Pray** that families will continue to be transformed by God through the ministry of FamilyLife.

Thank you, John and Mildred, for honoring your marriage commitment and investing in future generations. Now John and Jeannette have the hope that someday they will be able to celebrate 62 years of marriage!

Nathan & Jennifer



A FREE Gift For You

The first 3 couples to contact us will receive a set of *Simply Romantic* books.

Tips to romance your Husband & Tips to romance your Wife

These books are full of great ideas to make birthday's, holiday's or just an ordinary day special and memorable!

Summer Fun at Busch Stadium

Lucas' school had a special night at the Cardinal's Game. It was a HOT day and unfortunately the Cardinals lost, but we had a fun time anyway!



Allison didn't watch much of the game, she kept asking to go on a walk to find the Cardinal's mascot, Fredbird. Lucas enjoyed sitting in the stands with his school friends that he had not seen in a month.



We encourage you to attend one of the following two events coming to the St. Louis area this year.

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Town and Country, MO 63131

Friday August 26, 7:00-9:30pm
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Weekend to Remember
November 4-6
The Ritz-Carlton
St. Louis, MO

Message to the Men from Nathan: I know many of you are thinking the same thing I thought when Jennifer approached me about going to a "Marriage Weekend". ***This is not on my list of things that I want to do on a weekend together. When I found out there was a Date Night built into the schedule AND it was right after the Romance session, I thought, how bad could it be? I am so glad we went!*** It was the best weekend getaway we have ever had and it really was a lot of fun. Men...***shock your wives and say, Yes, Let's Go!***"

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