



Dear Ministry Partner,

Six weeks ago I (Jennifer) received a phone call from a woman who was very upset and was asking for help with her marriage. Through tears, she said ***“I just can’t take it anymore. There has to be a better way.”*** She had heard about our ministry, and was praying that we would be able to help. Ron & Amanda would like to share their story.

Ron & Amanda



Ron and I thought our marriage was pretty normal. We were not on the brink of divorce so everything was fine, right? But I felt ***something was missing. We did not have God as the center of our marriage. On top of that, we did not handle conflict well.*** When we had a disagreement, he wanted to argue it out, and I would shut down. Most of the time I kept my mouth closed and just tried to end the confrontation. But ignoring the issues did not make them go away. So after a few months of unresolved arguments, tensions built and we would explode.

Recently, an argument got out of control. Months of anger and frustration all came out. ***There was yelling and things ended up being destroyed.*** He brought up an affair I had 7 years ago even though he said he had forgiven me. After that fight I had enough.

In tears I called Jennifer and I asked for help. Praise God, she was able to get us into The Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaway. Finally we had a chance to be together, just the two of us, no children or distractions. We were able to talk honestly. I could finally say things without him getting mad and defensive.

We both realized that we needed to address our disagreements when they happen. ***We learned great communication tips and how to fight fair.*** Ron admitted that he truly had forgiven me for my past affair. He was bringing it up during our argument to hurt me and he promised not to do it again. Ron had such a great time on the weekend and he thinks we should invest in a couples getaway more often. That is fine by me!

One of the best results of the weekend is that we now pray together. We could never do that before. Every night we read a devotional and pray. Unexpectedly, one morning Ron even come upstairs before he went to work to do a devotional. It is amazing! Already I have seen God's peace and joy working in our entire family. ***I am excited to see how close we are getting to God as a couple.*** This is all I wanted in the first place, I am so happy! Thank you FamilyLife.

All we have to say is ***Praise the Lord!*** He is changing lives and transforming marriages. With Jesus Christ, there is always hope!

Nathan & Jennifer

Praises and Prayers

Praise Nathan’s last day of work is here! We can now both put full-time effort into the ministry!

Pray that we will stay in tune to the Lord’s leading and follow Him as we take this next leap of faith.

Pray that God will quickly guide us to the remaining financial partners we need so we can report to FamilyLife by July.

Praise that 47 couples (almost 100 people) have joined our group to attend a Weekend to Remember since November of 2010!

Campus Crusade for Christ is becoming **Cru** in the USA.

Watch a video about the name change at www.ccci.org/cru



Resurrection Rolls

Here's a fun and hands on way for your children to learn the story of Jesus' Resurrection.

What you need:

- 1 package crescent rolls
- 8 large marshmallows
- 2 Tablespoons melted butter
- 1/4 cup cinnamon sugar mixture



1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line a baking sheet with foil or parchment paper.
2. Give each child a triangle of crescent rolls. *The crescent roll represents the cloth that Jesus was wrapped in.*
3. Give each child a marshmallow. *This represents Jesus and His purity, Jesus was sinless.*
4. Have your child dip the marshmallow in melted butter. *This represents the oils of embalming.*
5. Roll the buttered marshmallow in the cinnamon and sugar. *This represents the spices used to anoint the body of Jesus.*
6. Wrap the coated marshmallow tightly in the crescent roll by folding up the sides to seal the marshmallow up tight. *This represents the wrapping of Jesus' body after death.*
7. Place in a 350 degree oven for 10 to 12 minutes. The marshmallow may ooze out the side! *The oven represents the tomb (pretend like it was 3 days and nights!)*
8. While the rolls are baking, you can read [Matthew 27:57-61](#) and [Matthew 28:5-8](#).
9. When the rolls have cooled slightly, the children can open their rolls (cloths) and discover that Jesus is no longer there. **HE IS RISEN!** The marshmallow melts and the crescent roll is puffed up, but like the tomb - **IT IS EMPTY!**

If you do this activity with your children, send us a picture, we would love to hear about your experience!

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The first 3 ministry partners to contact us and tell us who they want to share the REAL Easter story with, will receive a FREE set of Resurrection Eggs, just in time for Easter morning!