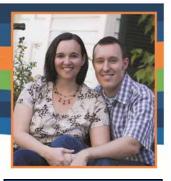


## Nathan & Jennifer Walker



Dear Ministry Partner,

We wanted to share some HONEST feedback from a couple that attended The Art of Marriage in Jacksonville Texas. When we were on our ministry trip in February, we had the pleasure of helping our good friends Bruce and Jennifer Pittman host the Art of Marriage at their church.

As Bruce and Jennifer welcomed everyone to the event they acknowledged Jennifer and I as missionaries with FamilyLife. Following their introductions, the event started and Jennifer and I sat down at a table towards the back of the room.

Part of the way through the first video session a couple came sliding in the back door and found seats next to where Jennifer and I were sitting. The husband leaned over to me with a serious look on his face and whispered, "I'd rather be fishing.". These words were all that we heard from the couple the first night.

On Saturday morning, we were pleased to see them arrive early. We chose to sit near them, hoping for a chance to talk with them. To our shock, during the lunch break the husband, Tom, openly shared what he thought about the event so far.



Tom said, "You know, I am really glad I came to this. Yesterday, I didn't want to be here. I really wanted to be fishing. But this stuff is really good. The stories are so real, they really hit home. I wish we would have done something like this years ago when we first got married, we could have avoided so many problems. I can think of several couples that I am going to tell about this!"

Tom's wife Tiffany nodded her head in agreement the whole time that Tom was talking. She added, "I want a copy of these videos for myself. I want to get my sisters and brothers and their spouses together and do this with them. Every marriage can benefit from going through an event like this." It was after Tom and Tiffany shared their thoughts that we were able to inform them that we were missionaries with FamilyLife. We thanked them for their honest feedback and they asked for more information about FamilyLife as they were hungry to learn more about the many resources we have.

Stories like what we experienced with Tom and Tiffany are becoming a daily occurrence. Through resources like the Art of Marriage, couples are receiving a greater vision for their marriage. Couples are realizing that they have been caught up in the busyness of life without taking the time to invest in their marriage. We encourage you to pray for God to show you ways to nurture your marriage and family relationships.

Nathan & Jennifer

#### **Praises and Prayers**

<u>Praise</u> that the Art of Marriage has been hosted in over 3000 churches to over 175,000 people since its release, February 2011!

<u>Pray</u> that the Lord will continue to bless The Art of Marriage and transform countless marriages across the country.

Pray that our move to Arkansas goes smoothly. We close on our home in Benton, AR on July 17. We pray that the last 3% of our support will be in before we are scheduled to close on our house.

<u>Pray</u> that the final production of the Stepping Up series goes well and can be released on time.

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# You are Invited to The Walker Family Commissioning Service

A special Commissioning Service will be held on July 15 at St. Pauls UCC in Marthasville during both worship services with a reception after each service. We will be sharing "what's next" for us.

Sunday July 15 9:00am service and 10:30am service

> St. Pauls UCC 103 South 2nd Street Marthasville, MO 63357



#### We will soon call Benton, Arkansas home

We are thrilled that God provided us the perfect home for our family in Benton, AR. When we were in Little Rock in May for our job-placement interviews, we also spent 1 day looking at houses. We were so thankful to only look at 7 homes before finding the one that was perfect for our family. It is 17 miles from the ministry headquarters, and very close to a few other FamilyLife staff families.

Our closing date is set for July 17 and we pray that the Lord will provide for the remainder of our monthly support needs by then.

### STEPPING UP

A CALL TO COURAGEOUS MANHOOD

A high-quality 10 week video series



#### **Coming This Fall**

Using his favorite question, "What's the most courageous thing you've ever done?" Dennis Rainey challenges men in all fields and life stages with stirring conviction, practical insight, and moving accounts of bold heroes. He identifies five stages of a man's journey through life and examines his responsibilities at each step. He calls all men to action, to duty, to courage.

Men face decisions in life that demand courage. Big or little, complex or straightforward, these choices matter. Dennis Rainey tackles the call to living, breathing manhood head-on, offering a simple yet powerful vision for what it means to be a man who truly conquers, and truly wins.

Video Trailer: http://www.familylife.com/steppingup