



Have you ever been discouraged with an unanswered prayer? Sometimes when we pray and things don't turn out the way we want, we may question if prayer really works. It can be challenging to understand verses like these: "Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart." Psalm 37:4. Or "I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father." John 14:13.

At the end of September I (Jennifer) attended the Annual FamilyLife Staff Wives Retreat. The theme for the weekend was Prayer. Speaker and author Jennifer Kennedy Dean was our guest speaker for the weekend. Jennifer gave some good insight and reminders about prayer. Here are some of the points I took away:

- God may say NO to our desires of the moment. He is not going to pacify you, instead He is going to satisfy you.
- Prayer is a way God can speak to us and put on our heart what is on His heart.
- He is shaping our will to match His. God wants to recreate and remodel us from the inside out.
- Prayer gives us "spiritual-vision", the ability to see beyond the physical world.



Annual FamilyLife Staff Wives Retreat—The scarves are a fun gift we all received for attending

Jennifer gave this analogy about prayer: Prayer is powerful! ***Prayer moves the power and provision of God into the circumstances of earth.*** Think about a flashlight, think of God as the battery, full of power. Then think of the light bulb, it needs a connection to get the power from the battery to the bulb to make the light shine. We can be the conductor, we have the privilege to tap into the greatest power source of all, to make a difference in our world.



Dennis Rainey—leading staff in the Day of Prayer

DAY OF PRAYER

On October 2 FamilyLife shut down the office and our staff went to a local church for a ***Day of Prayer***. We had the privilege to pray all day about a wide variety of things...ministry leadership, government leaders, health, healing, failing marriages, new believers, prodigal children, those who have lost loved ones, empty nesters, growing families, finances, adoptions, reaching more people for Christ, and much more!

What an honor to serve at a ministry that relies the power of prayer to fulfill our mission, reaching families and marriages for Christ!

Nathan & Jennifer

Praises and Prayers

Praise: For the gift of prayer. It is amazing and wonderful that we can communicate with God anytime and anywhere.

Praise: That Lucas and Allison have both celebrated another birthday. We are thankful for each day we are given with our children.

Pray: That God will quickly direct us to the local church He has planned for us so that we can join and get plugged in.

Pray: That the Lord will strengthen our own marriage and that we will both stay close to Him.

Praise: That we were able to participate in the Day of Prayer. Where we prayed not only for our ministry and our world, but also YOU, our ministry partners. We thank God for you!!



"I tell people he is my dad."

Last month we shared the story of Will and Michele. After we mailed the prayer letters we got the following message on facebook from Will's teenage step-daughter, Maddie.

"I think Will's really become close to me over the past year. He's so nice to me, but is still strict with the normal parent rules. We do a lot of things together now, and I've started to tell people he is my dad. Also, I think he's become a better husband. He doesn't ever drink, and he's a lot calmer and sweeter."

If you missed last months story or want to read it again, you can find a copy on our website. Visit www.njwalker.com and click on "Prayer Letters/Newsletters"



Maddie and her **DAD** (Will)

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Weekend to Remember

November 2-4

The Ritz-Carlton

St. Louis, MO

Other dates and locations available, check out the schedule

www.familylife.com/weekend

Enter our group name **FLWalker** to receive 50% off of the registration fee. If you are a financial ministry partner, contact us and we can help you save even more!

Lucas and Allison both celebrated their birthday's recently. Lucas is now 8 and Allison is 6! We can't believe they are growing so fast. We are trying to soak up all the precious moments.



Lucas joined Cub Scouts. He has already gone on a scout camping trip where he got to shoot a bow and arrow and a BB Gun. He thinks scouts is pretty awesome!

Allison finally got her first pet. She used her birthday money and bought a Betta fish and small tank for her room. She is thrilled!

