



The Spring FamilyLife event season kicked off with a bang in February and I (Nathan) was able to be there to witness and be a part of it.



The first Weekend to Remember of the season was held at the beautiful Gaylord National Harbor hotel in Washington D.C. on February 8-10. Over 1400 people came to Washington D.C. from a variety of surrounding states and locations. I heard from many of them how excited they were to hear from the founder of FamilyLife, Dennis Rainey, as one of the main speakers over the weekend.

I had the pleasure of working the event as a key part of the technical team. Due to the size of the event, we had 4 screens, 2 cameras, a plethora of lighting rigs and a lot of components. Once we had everything setup, I spent my time jumping between video switching equipment, managing cameras, running audio/video recording devices and fixing glitches in our hardware at our resource center.



After every event we are flooded with comments about how impactful and life-changing the Weekend to Remember was. Here is one of our favorite comments from this season:

“This was actually our second event. We came several years ago after experiencing a traumatic event in our marriage, statistically our marriage should have ended in divorce, but a miracle took place! With God alone as our source of healing (along with counseling, marriage retreats, and this event) our marriage was restored and we now seek ways to walk alongside other couples. Last event we took home the tools to “restore and rebuild”. This event was to “Refresh” and take the tools home to continue to teach our girls TRUE LOVE!” Event Attendee

Our family Bible verse is Matthew 7:24-25, “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.”

The comment above reminds us how true this passage is. When couples choose to set the foundation of their marriage on the solid rock of Jesus Christ, when they seek God to heal the broken parts of their marriage, the marriage will survive. The promise in this passage is not to have a marriage free of trials. The promise is that WHEN the winds and rain (trials) come, the marriage will not fall, the family will not crumble.

Thank you for standing with us,
helping to build marriages on The Solid ROCK!

Nathan & Jennifer

Praises and Prayers

Praise: for a great start to the Weekend to Remember spring 2013 season! In the last 3 weekends 2,376 people have attended an event, and 56 people have made a decision to surrender their life to Christ!

Pray: for the couples that will be attending the Weekend to Remember in Branson this month. We have several friends and partners that will be there.

Pray: that all couples will seek to set their marriage on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ. So when the waves (trials) of life come, their house will not fall. (Matthew 7:24-25)



Fathers - Date Your Daughters

I encourage and challenge YOU fathers to date your daughters and to do so on a regular bases. The bond you develop with your daughter, during real times of conversation and connection, pays dividends.

What you are doing as a man is prioritizing your time. Most kids grow up knowing Dad is a pretty busy guy. Your daughter needs to know the sacrifice you've made in your priority list; making sure she comes up No. 1. The fact that you affirm your daughter's femininity and treat her special says to her, 'Honey, seek somebody special in life. Seek someone who is going to treat you right.'

I surprised Allison recently with a long overdue "Date with Daddy". The morning started with me sneaking out of the house and ringing the doorbell. I knelt down and greeted Allison with a flower and asked if she would go on a date with me. With a smile that stretched from ear to ear, she shook her head "Yes" and ran off to get her shoes. We spent the afternoon on a picnic at the park where we talked and played. Afterwards, I surprised her with a horseback trail ride. Allison LOVES animals!



Guys...you don't have to do anything elaborate, just show your daughter that you love her and spend time with her. Your daughter is never too young or too old to date.

See the town. Go for a drive and find fun places to hang out.

Dine out. Eat at a restaurant that doesn't serve toys in a bag. Make it fancy but you don't have to dress up.

Drink a shake or mocha. Visit your local coffeehouse or bookstore.

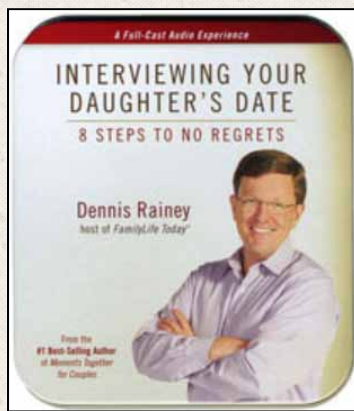
Get fit. Go bike riding, skating or ride scooters.

Share a hobby. Collect stamps, paint or build something together.

Play games. Go bowling, golfing or hit the arcades.

Shop. This may be the only chance you have at helping her pick out an outfit. It also provides a great opportunity for a healthy talk about modesty.

Take a risk. Ask what she wants to do. Someday you'll expect potential dates to think of her interests as he plans outings.



FREE GIFT

The first 10 people to contact us will receive a FREE copy of the FamilyLife Today Radio Broadcast *Interviewing Your Daughter's Date* (5 radio shows on CD)

As a dad, you want to protect your daughter—especially from boys with super-charged hormones. But the thought of talking to these young men can make a man break into a cold sweat.

Interviewing Your Daughter's Date will walk you through eight principles that Dennis Rainey used to help his own daughters navigate the dating years with their emotions calm, their hearts whole, and their character intact. You'll learn how to protect your daughter, set boundaries in her relationships, and give her guidance as she grows up.