



## The Walker Family Reader

June 2013

### *Praises & Prayers*

Some dear friends of ours came to stay with us last month, Charlie, Rachel, and their two daughters Brooklyn and Madelyn. Charlie took some time over the weekend to share with us of the impact that FamilyLife® has had in his life. We are excited to share his story with you.

***“Three years ago, I would have never imagined that I would be where I am spiritually and emotionally today. Stepping Up has been one of the biggest influences in my life. This book has changed my life and my family forever!”***

When Charlie was less than one year old, his father left their family. He walked out on his wife and 4 boys who were all under the age of 8. Charlie stated that as a boy he could have passed his father on the sidewalk and never known who he was because he never had any contact with him. Charlie was left with no example of what it looked like to be a husband or a father.

The first 10 years of Charlie’s marriage, he thought he was doing a great job as a husband and dad because he was doing much better than his dad ever did for him. Charlie was content by being present for his family and financially providing for them but his life changed when he encountered FamilyLife® three years ago.



***“Stepping Up has changed my life and family forever!”*** Charlie

Charlie and Rachel attended the Art of Marriage® in the spring of 2011. After that event, Charlie said he realized how God had MUCH MORE in store for his marriage and family. He was on-fire to learn all he could about how to be a godly man, how to lovingly lead his wife, and how to raise his daughters.

Charlie and Rachel attended their first Weekend to Remember® in the fall of 2011, where he picked up Dennis Rainey’s new book, *Stepping Up*. He staid up late that night reading the book cover to cover!

Charlie has spent the last year and a half putting into practice what he is learning about being a godly man. He now feels called to help other men Step Up.

***“Our church is starting a Men's Ministry in response to the need for courageous men to StepUp. We are basing it on the Stepping Up program that FamilyLife offers. What a blessing it has been to be a leader of it. I am in a much better place now, more that I've ever been in my life! Thank you FamilyLife! My wife thanks you, and my children thank you!”***

Charlie and the other leaders of their new Men’s Ministry were amazed when 24 men showed up to their kickoff event! Thank You, Lord! We pray that Charlie’s passion will spread like wildfire and that more men will Step Up and become the godly men that they are called to be!

*Nathan + Jennifer*

**Praise:** The impact that *Stepping Up* has had on over 30,000 men across the country, including Charlie!

**Pray:** for Jennifer as she finishes her training this month to become an eMentor trainer. Training women all over the world to mentor the women around them.

**Pray:** for more women to become eMentors. We are getting flooded with women requesting a mentor. They need someone to care, listen, and pray for them. We need more female eMentors. If you are a woman, would you pray and see if God is leading you to apply?

**Pray:** for our trip to Washington MO this month. Pray we will be able to encourage many of our ministry partners and share the vision for FamilyLife’s future. We also pray that several partners will commit to hosting the Art of Marriage in the near future.



## We are making a trip to the Washington area later this month and we would love to see you!

On *Friday June 21, from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm* we will be hanging out at *St. Louis Bread Company in Washington, MO* (at the corner of Hwy 47 and Hwy 100).

OR

We will be giving an update about our ministry on *Sunday June 16, 2013 at St. Paul's UCC in Marthasville, MO* (103 S. Second Street). We will be briefly speaking during both the *9:00 am and the 10:30 am service*. We will be available to visit before and after each service.



Mothers Day 2013

FamilyLife is giving away  
the Art of Marriage Event  
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the art of **marriage**™  
a six-session video event

FamilyLife wants to get this life-changing material out to as many people as possible.

If you want to host an event for your church or a small group in the near future, please let us know. We want to tell you how to get your video kit **FREE** and get **FREE** shipping on the participant manuals.

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If you have ever thought of doing an event, there is no better time than now. There are marriages around you that need this Biblical truth.