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## The Walker Family Reader

July 2013

### Praises & Prayers

After two weeks of being on the road doing ministry, we are finally back home in Arkansas! We put 1390 miles on our minivan, and saw God at work around every corner.

Here are some highlights from our trip:

- Mentored 2 couples facing difficult issues in their marriage.
- Helped launch the first night of *Stepping Up* at St. Paul's (our MO home church).
- Met with 2 teams of people wanting to start a Marriage/Men's ministry in their church.
- Gave an update about our ministry and the future of FamilyLife at 2 local churches.
- Visited personally with 34 ministry partners (although we wish we could have personally visited with all of you).
- Helped 5 couples get the *Art of Marriage* video kit and equipped them to minister to the couples around them.
- Spoke with 2 ladies that have shown an interest in becoming volunteer eMentors.

We are so encouraged by all the people standing up for the family! Thank you for the part you play in making this ministry possible through your prayers, financial support, or volunteering to be a "Homebuilder".

**Praise:** for a great ministry trip to Missouri last month. Several answered prayers. We encouraged many of our ministry partners, shared the vision for FamilyLife's future and several partners committed to hosting the Art of Marriage in the near future!

**Pray:** for the Body of Christ, The Church, that this Supreme Court ruling will be what spurs the people of God to action. Pray that more people will stand up and unashamedly stand for Biblical truth in a loving and kind way.

**Praise:** for 2 women that have come forward, interested in becoming eMentors. Pray the Lord will still send more mentors to serve as the need is still great.

### Supreme Court on Marriage

It is so evident that marriages and families are under attack today. While we were on our ministry trip, we received word of the monumental decisions made by the U.S. Supreme Court.

On June 26, 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court made two historic rulings that favored same-sex marriage. In a special *FamilyLife Today* broadcast addressing this development, Dennis Rainey stated that even though "truth has stumbled in the streets, we

must not lose heart, even in the face of the loss of this skirmish. God's victory over sin and death through Jesus Christ will never be invalidated by any court of man."

Here are a few statements made by Dennis during this special radio broadcast:

Dennis: "I'm thinking of Isaiah 59 (see insert above). I've read this before on *FamilyLife Today* but I've thought about it as this news came down. I think this describes what just happened. Justice has been turned back. Righteousness stands a far off. It feels like we don't have any influence at all and that's a lie but it still feels that way. Truth has stumbled in the public square. ***I think the solution is to turn loose the body of Christ, followers of Christ, to begin to make a difference where they live and to uphold the biblical standard without apology...doing so in a kind and loving way.***"

Lovingly standing up for biblical marriage,

*Nathan + Jennifer*



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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.

## More from Dennis

FamilyLife Today

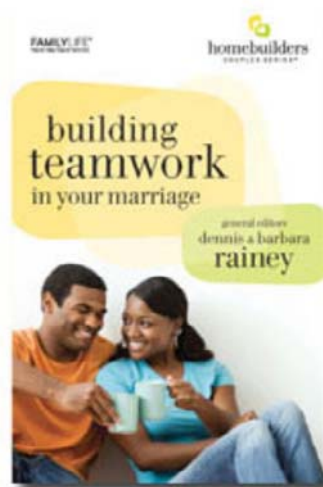
Special radio show about Supreme Court Ruling

Dennis: "*We have the greatest truth that has ever been proclaimed on the planet. It's the message of Christmas, Emmanuel, God with us.* He came and became flesh to live a perfect life and then go to the cross willfully, die as our sacrifice, raised on the third day, alive today having defeated death to offer eternal life, forgiveness from all the shame and all the guilt to whoever calls out to him in faith and in surrender. *I just think that message can't help but be a brighter message than the darkness.*"

We have the message. We are ambassadors. Let us not become fearful. Let us not cower in the corner. We know who has won the war. Has this skirmish been a loss? No question about it. But I have the rest of the book.

In Revelation it tells us who wins. God wins in the end. *Our responsibility as followers of Christ is to be obedient in our day to live out his calling in our lives to the best of the power that he gives us the Holy Spirit living within us.* To represent him and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to all who will call upon him."

### Join us... lovingly stand up for biblical marriage!



Make your own marriage a stronger example to others of a biblical marriage, or gather some friends together and all work toward having a stronger, Christ-centered marriage.

This book, *Building Teamwork in Your Marriage* is part of FamilyLife's Homebuilder's couples series. It is a 6 week study you can do as a couple or with a small group of other couples.

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