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The Walker Family Reader

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Praises & Prayers

The Newsboys have a popular song out called *God's Not Dead*. This song could have been our theme song last month. The first line of the song is "Let love explode and bring the dead to life". We saw God's love explode and bring dead things back to life in profound and incredible ways last month.

Love Like You Mean It Marriage Cruise

We were able to mentor a few couples throughout the week while on the Love Like you Mean it Cruise, which was a wonderful experience. We shared that with Jesus as the center of their life, it IS possible to have the loving marriage that God desires for them. We encouraged couples to place their hope and expectations in Jesus, rather than entirely on their spouse. We saw hope fill their eyes and love wash over their faces. It was as if we could physically see the transformation taking place in their hearts!

Overall the cruise was a huge success. *"I was excited about coming, but this went way beyond my expectations. It was amazing. We had some quality conversations, which is not our usual! The in-depth topics hit on the weak areas in our relationship and gave us new tools. We appreciate the speakers FamilyLife chose to minister to us, and we felt the presence of the Holy Spirit. It was the best marriage retreat we have ever attended, and we have been to many!! We are energized in our marriage."* Married 43 years



We had the pleasure of having 2 ministry partner couples join us on the cruise. Larry & Darlene Brew (center) and Brad & Jennifer Kazmaier (Brad is taking the photo). Brad and Jennifer loved the cruise so much that they have already signed up for next year!

Jennifer Kazmaier had this to say after the cruise: *"We had an absolute blast and*

have come back re-energized as a couple. The speakers were awesome (we learned a lot) and the music and entertainers were very inspiring. Being surrounded by fellow Christians and worshipping together all week was such a great experience." The Kazmaier's would love for you to join them next year. Let us know if you are interested.



There was even time for us, as a couple, to reconnect. We had an amazing day together on Grand Turk Island.

The month did not end there...

When we returned home, we held an Art of Marriage out our church. (see more on the back)



Praise: For an incredible month of ministry! The cruise and our Art of Marriage event!

Pray: That couples that attended both events will not let the fire flicker out. Pray that couples will remain passionate and continue to pursue a deeper relationship with Christ and strengthen their marriage and family relationships.

Pray: For Nathan as he serves on the planning team for the large arena events FamilyLife is bringing back this summer/fall. The events are called *I Still Do*. He will be helping coordinate the technology-related tasks.

Pray: For Jennifer, God has given her several new opportunities to personally mentor women. Pray that God will give her wisdom as she meets with these women and that she will be an encouragement to them.



The Art of Marriage



We had an amazing team of *Marriage Investors* (pictured above) that helped us put on the event. There were 30 couples that attended. Two individuals said that they received Christ during the event! Praise the Lord!



The vow renewal at the end of the event was impactful for everyone!

“Where to start. *I have been married for 11 years and thought I knew what marriage was about. I have been so wrong about everything.* This event has showed me what needs to be started, what needs to be done, to fulfill my marriage the way God wants. Thank You!” (Female, 30's)

"I learned that I've played a much larger part in our marital difficulties than I realized before attending this seminar. *I also learned that I need to make sacrifices in my life and exchange selfishness for the enrichment of my wife's life.*" (Male, 30's)

We had 2 couples request to meet with mentors to help them as they apply what they have learned. We also had 3 people approach us after the event wanting to take this material to their small group or offer it to other couples in our community. *God is so good, to HIM be all the Glory!*

Allison has always loved dogs. (see her drawing on the left) The title of her drawing reads “I want a dog because dogs comfort you and some cheer you up.”....So, meet the newest member of our family...Lucy (right). She is a Schnoodle (schnauzer-poodle mix) and we have all grown quite fond of her already.

