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## The Walker Family Reader

January 2015

*Praises & Prayers*

### “I’m Moving Out” To “We Can Make It”

A little over a year ago while Justin was away at deer camp (deer hunting) his wife Melissa called him and said, *“I’m moving out. I found a place of my own, I put a deposit down and I am packing up my things now. When you get home, I will be gone.”*

Justin dropped everything and raced home to see if he could change his wife’s mind. That day something changed in Justin. He had come to a crossroad. He knew he could not keep doing life on his own, his own way. **Justin needed a Savior, he needed Jesus Christ. He stuck his hands up in the air and surrendered his life to Jesus!** Justin had not been attending church with his wife and sons, but that day he promised he would be in church with his family the next Sunday.

Melissa decided to stay and see if his decision was real. Justin stayed true to his word. He started attending church regularly and was actively turning his life over to Jesus; however, when it came to his marriage, he still needed help. He grew up in a family where a good marriage was not modeled for him. He did not know how to do marriage.

While sitting in church, Justin and Melissa saw a video clip promoting The Art of Marriage which we were hosting. Justin elbowed Melissa before the clip was even over and said, “We need to go to that.”

As she sat next to her husband during the Art of Marriage, *she could see in his eyes, for the first time, he was getting an idea of what it looked like to be a godly husband and father.* She was thrilled to see the event impact him so much. Justin felt that his eyes were opened to a whole new way of being a husband and father. He was excited to have a real picture of what he should be doing. He thought, *“Now, we can make it!”*

Last week we got the chance to sit down and have dinner with Justin and Melissa where they shared their story with us. The Lord has done a supernatural work in their marriage over the last year and He has now given them a passion to help those around them. Justin said, *“I want to help my friends find the Light I have found. I know, all too well of the darkness they are living in. It is not a fun place to be.”*



They stated how they are still a work-in-progress but expressed excitement when sharing all of the ways that the Lord has helped them to change their marriage over the last year. **Justin and Melissa now want to help us host The Art of Marriage in April at our church!**

*Nathan & Jennifer*

**Praise:** For the amazing transformation God has worked in Justin’s heart and in his marriage!

**Pray:** That God will direct us as we begin planning to host the Art of Marriage at our church in April 2015. Pray that God will bring us the right volunteers and will prompt the right couples to attend.

**Pray:** For the upcoming Weekend to Remember spring season. Pray that many will attend these life-changing events.

**Praise:** For the Lord’s provision for our financial needs! We are starting 2015 on solid financial footing.

#### THANK YOU!

Thank you to all those that generously gave a special gift to our ministry at the end of last year. If you gave a gift but did not receive a personal thank you note from us, please let us know, your gift may not have been recorded properly.



## Take your marriage to a whole new level.

Wouldn't it be great to get away for a little while? Escape your daily routing and focus on improving your relationship with your spouse. This romantic getaway can change your marriage in ways you'll appreciate for years to come.

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## St. Louis Weekend to Remember Follow Up

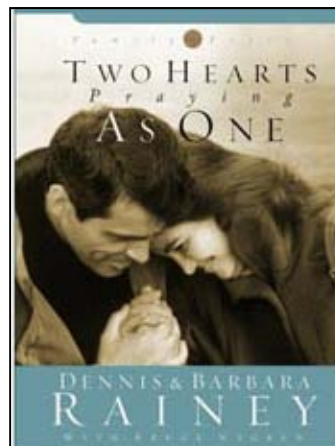
We were thrilled to be at the St. Louis Weekend to Remember this past December. We saw many friends and ministry partners that were able to participate in the event.

There were over 600 people at the event. Read what one couple had to say about the event.

*"We now have several key, important goals for our marriage. We are connected to each other and we have some AWESOME tools to use to help us maintain/grow in our marriage. Now, I know we will end happily ever after. Thank you!"*

*Married 15 years*

## Is your New Year's Resolution to reconnect with your spouse? If so, we want to help you.



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