



June 2015

Praises & Prayers

Divorced... But Working Toward Re-Marriage!

We first met Jared and Brandy in January when they signed up to attend our weekly small group that we were hosting in our home. As we got to know them, they shared about some significant issues and struggles they were experiencing in their relationship. We were shocked to find out that they were divorced; however, they both expressed a desire to get right with God and to do marriage the way He designed it to be.

We recommended that they attend the Art of Marriage which we were hosting at our church in April. After attending, they shared with us how much it had helped them. Brandy realized that she had been putting her children before her husband, *“In raising your kids, you can’t neglect your spouse. As moms, it’s natural to give every second to our children but we still have to set aside time for our spouse that way they don’t feel neglected.”*

Jared realized he needed to work on communicating better with Brandy. He also is being more open and honest about things. We can see the love growing between them. God is at work!



Jared and Brandy with their four beautiful daughters.

Following the Art of Marriage, Nathan and I felt led to offer an on-going bible study for anyone that attended the event. We were hoping several couples would take advantage of the opportunity but we only had two couples sign-up. We trusted God and prayed that He would work in mighty ways in these two couples... and HE did!

Jared and Brandy were one of the two couples that came. The second couple were new to us. It became obvious very quickly that God wanted Jared and Brandy and this new couple to meet. They clicked immediately as they have been through very similar situations and are dealing with similar issues.

While Jared and Brandy are in the midst of restoring their marriage, the second couple is on the other side of reconciliation. They have been through the rough storms and trials and are now experiencing the blessings of riding out the storm by clinging to Jesus together. They were able to offer such encouragement to Jared and Brandy.

Nathan and I sat there silently as these two couples talked. We were thanking God for what He was doing right before our eyes! We are trusting that God will continue to use our group to heal and strengthen both of these marriages. We never grow tired of watching God do amazing things! **We are thrilled to report that Jared and Brandy got re-engaged this past week and are looking forward to recommitting their lives and marriage to the Lord!**

Praise: For the re-engagement of Jared and Brandy! Please pray for this couple as they work to re-build their marriage following God’s design.

Pray: For us as we mentor these two couples in our Bible Study. Pray that we can encourage them and help them develop stronger Christ-centered marriages.

Pray: For us as we prepare to attend CRU’s National Staff Conference in Colorado this July. Pray that we will be refreshed and be better equipped to continue serving the Lord through marriage ministry.

“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.”

Matthew 7:24-25

Nathan + Jennifer



I need to have “The Talk” with my child. But what do I say?

We get asked this question a lot. “How do I talk to my kids about sex?”

We believe these two resources should be in every parent’s library. We have personally used God’s Design for Sex and will be using Passport 2 Purity very soon. Eeeks... our kids are growing up fast! :)



God’s Design for Sex

Your children should learn about their bodies and sexuality from you. Do you have a plan?

Prepare your kids now for the pressures and relationships they'll experience as teens and adults.

These award-winning illustrated books give you age-appropriate biblically based information to help you talk openly with your children about sex and answer their questions about God's design for families, breastfeeding, puberty, intercourse, and tough issues like homosexuality.

Book 1: Age 3-5

Book 2: Age 5-8

Book 3: Age 8-11

Book 4: Age 11-14



Passport 2 Purity

Plan your own life-changing weekend getaway with your preteen.

FamilyLife has developed Passport2Purity®

(P2P) to assist you in building heart-to-heart communication with your preteen while laying a foundation of purity that will prepare them for the turbulent years ahead. Through the shared listening experience, object lessons and guided conversations of a P2P weekend getaway, you can set your son or daughter on a journey of moral integrity—and strengthen the bond between you.

Dad with your son OR Mom with your daughter, you will walk through the following sessions over a weekend:

Session One: Challenges, Traps, and Choices

Session Two: Friendships and Peer Pressure

Session Three: Changes in Him, Changes in Her

Session Four: Setting Boundaries

Session Five: Seeing Dating Differently



Summer Swim Team

This summer Lucas and Allison started swimming on the local summer swim team, the Barracudas!

They were a little nervous at first, but they just participated in their first swim meet this past Saturday and they did GREAT! Allison’s favorite stroke is the backstroke. Lucas’ favorite is the freestyle, although he is working on the butterfly and doing really well.

