



Missionaries With CRU

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Praises & Prayers

A Decision Was Made... Now How Do We Respond?

I'm sure you have heard about the monumental decision that was made by the United States Supreme Court recently. This decision has brought about a range of different emotions and feelings across our nation. How do we as Christians respond? What do we do and what do we say?

FamilyLife has produced a radio show series that ran June 29-July 1 which does an excellent job at addressing many of the questions Christians have been asking. We strongly encourage you to listen to these broadcasts at: www.familylifetoday.com/programs



Quote from one of the radio shows: *“This is not a time to panic. It’s not a time to get angry. It is a time to know what you believe the Bible teaches about marriage and family. It’s a time to be gracious, a time to be loving, a time to be ready... as never before, be ready to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and to be a part of the solution by addressing the greatest needs of a human being’s soul.”*

Dennis Rainey, President of FamilyLife

FamilyLife has also put together a new web page: www.familylife.com/homosexuality-and-same-sex-marriage

Here is sample of content from that page:

Responding Biblically to Homosexuality and Same-sex Marriage

Here at FamilyLife, we continue to affirm God’s design for marriage. We stand for the truth of Scripture and teach the biblical blueprints for marriage and family. Yet we also are committed to being winsome and compassionate to everyone--including those who disagree with us. We believe in respecting the dignity of every person created in God’s image. All of us need God’s grace and forgiveness.

Now more than ever, Christians should know how to affirm the truth of Scripture while also “speaking the truth in love” (Ephesians 4:15). To help you learn more about responding biblically on this issue, we have gathered a number of our most helpful articles, books, and FamilyLife Today® broadcasts onto this page.

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Standing Strong for Godly Marriages and Families,

Nathan & Jennifer

Praise: That God is still in control. Jesus Christ is still ALIVE and one day there will be the greatest of all weddings between Christ and His Church!

Pray: That Christians around the country will be a light in the darkness. That we will speak the truth in love and represent Christ well.

Pray: For us, by the time you receive this letter we will be “on the road” to CRU’s National Staff Conference in Colorado. Pray that we will be refreshed and come back 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



A story to encourage you, Jesus is still ALIVE! A post from “Jill” to the FamilyLife Facebook Page

This was certainly a Weekend to Remember!

Alex and I went to Weekend to Remember for the first time, 10 years ago. It was a last ditch effort to do something to save our marriage, but by that time, I had already checked out and my heart was so hard towards Alex, nothing and no one was going to change my mind.

At the end of the conference, they ask you to recite your marriage vows to one another and sign a marriage covenant.

I couldn't sign it.

Six months after attending Weekend to Remember, in 2005, I filed for divorce.

Fast forward nine months after the divorce and Alex and I were back together.

God did a huge work in my heart and life over those nine months. Alex was obedient in what God told him to do and waited patiently. He loved me like Jesus through that time of us being apart and I will never forget it.

We had our divorce annulled and we haven't looked back!

So this weekend, we attended Weekend to Remember, once again, It had been 10 years since we sat in that same ballroom at that same hotel in downtown Little Rock.

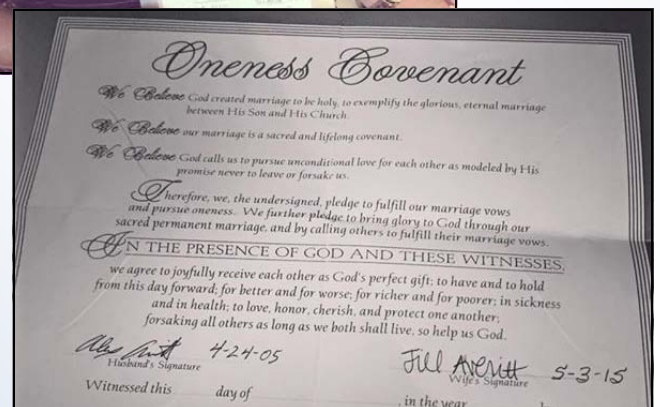
At the end of the conference, we recited our marriage vows, and then Alex surprised me by telling me what God told him, 10 years ago.

God told him to hold on to that marriage covenant because we would be back to Weekend to Remember.

Little did we know, it would be 10 years later. Today, I signed the marriage covenant from our first time at Weekend to Remember in 2005.

And this is why Alex and I have a heart for couples who are struggling. Because of what we KNOW God can do in a marriage, even when one has gone as far as to divorce the other. He is a God of miracles. ***He loves to take broken people and put them back together. He loves to redeem and restore a hurtful past. He loves to take two selfish people and make them look more like Him through this wonderful gift called marriage!***

So I encourage you, if you're at the point of wanting to quit, please don't. Even though you can't see how it could ever work, give your husband/wife and marriage to God and TRUST Him. He will do more than you could ever imagine.



“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” John 16:33b

