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As for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.
Joshua 24:15b

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The Weekend to Remember is baaack!!!

After a year of staying at home, social distancing, wearing masks, and a global pandemic, FamilyLife has cooperated with local governments and venues to resume our events. Over a thousand people have filled up available spaces, and there will be three more events this spring and thirty are planned for the fall. Visit www.weekendtoremember.com for more information. As ministry partners, we can give you a good deal! Just let us know!



Remember, as you take your car in for an oil change, you need to take your marriage for intentional encouragement. You'll be glad you did!

Dear friends,

As runners in a marathon need encouragement as they run, we appreciate encouragement as we serve in ministry. A stepmom that did the hard work of parenting her stepson with the help of FamilyLife Blended, shared the following photos as encouragement.

Imagine a newly married stepmom. Her husband has a 10-year old son. She desperately wants their family to instantly be picture-perfect complete with close relationships and happy family times.

The 10-year old has a quite different perspective. Who is this person who is taking his father away from him? Why does he have to do anything she says? She is not his mother! He already has a mother.

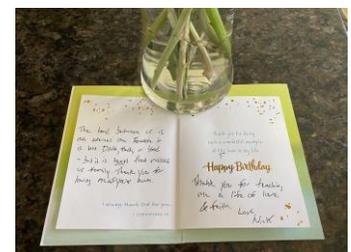
So, the dance begins. With the help of FamilyLife Blended, this stepmom has learned to let the stepson lead. She has learned to respond with care and understanding instead of natural judgmental opinions.



Imagine her joy when she receives this gift for Mother's Day from her now grown stepson.



Then, for her birthday, she received flowers and a heartfelt card. For a stepson to give his stepmother a card referring to her as "Mom" is very special!



What have we been doing?



Theodore was much more agreeable to get on the counter to lick up the Cool Whip. He didn't want help getting down. He was just fine!



We caught Danny doing his job at the Dynamic Disc Open tournament. I'm sure others look at the disc golfers, but I look for the videographer!



We cleaned our bedroom closet. Some of that carpet has not been seen in years!



Larry's adding a bookshelf at the top of our stairs. I'm so excited to see my books again!

We recorded videos at Ron Deal's house. We sure made a mess of it, but I think we left it in order! There will be an online course to earn a Certificate in Stepfamily Ministry. We recorded introductions and conclusions.



What have you been doing? Our season of change continues as school years end and summer routines begin. Have you been to a restaurant yet? Or grocery shopping? Our "normal" has forever changed. The Blended team will be moving into offices in the next month or so which means our days of working from home will also change. Praying we all stay close to the unchanging Lord who controls all things!

One home at a time,
Larry and Lynn

FamilyLife.

Pursue what matters most

You want: A strong family.

You have: A toddler throwing an Oscar-worthy fit in the backseat.

You want: A family that's connected and talks about what's real.

You have: A teenager whose eyeballs might pop out from excessive rolling.

You want: A marriage that makes you fall in love all over again.

You have: The same stupid fight about the credit card statement.

We get it. Every home is full of moments scattered and sacred, heart-pounding and hilarious, messy and marvelous.

But God's Word has real wisdom for real families to push through the days that are hectic and heart-wrenching—to come together in spite of the hard.

Families need connection now more than ever—with God, each other, and our communities. **So we're updating FamilyLife's look to reaffirm and reflect why we exist:** To help families grow together and impact their corner of the world.

We'll be transitioning that look over the next month and sharing our story at [FamilyLife.com/Brand](https://www.familylife.com/brand). We may have a different look. But our steadfast commitment to building God-honoring families remains unchanged.

Lean on us, laugh with us, learn with us, and walk with us to pursue the relationships that matter most.

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Prayer Requests...

- Pray for safe travels as we drive to pick up Mom and take her home to Wisconsin. She has been visiting my sister and her girls in Maryland.
- Pray for people attending the *Weekend to Remember* this spring. Pray that God will meet them where they are and draw them closer to Him and each other.
- Pray that Larry and I will serve with excellence full of the Holy Spirit as we help blended families.