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



This is the best deal of the season! Use our Group Name **TeamLindah1**. Let us know if you have any questions. Call 1-800-358-6329 to register, or go to [www.weekendtoremember.com](http://www.weekendtoremember.com).

With Valentine's Day coming up, this is the BEST GIFT you could give each other. You'll be glad you did.

Weekend to Remember helps you and your spouse escape the distractions of life and focus on your relationship. Learn about God's plan for a healthy marriage from leading experts. When applying their advice in your daily life, you and your spouse can:

- Improve communication
- Resolve conflict in biblical ways
- Increase your commitment to your marriage, resulting in deeper intimacy

*thank you*

Thank you to each of you for traveling this journey with us! Whether you are a financial partner, a prayer partner, a family member or friend, we couldn't make it through the year without you.

Now we are off in a new year. None of us know what is next. I'm reminded of that as prayer requests come in from parents who just discover their child has a tumor, or elderly parents pass away unexpectedly.

As we serve here at FamilyLife, our goal is to serve the Lord with excellence. Together we are a part of God's work building strong marriages and families. It's the foundation of our culture. So know that as you shake your head about something crazy that you hear about, know that you ARE doing something about it.

*Christmas Eve – 2018*



## Please pray for us...

- December marked our Cru anniversary and we have been on staff for 20-years! Who would have imagined. Pray that we will continue to serve God with excellence.
- We have another car! Our son, David, is our automotive expert so he spent the afternoon with us on Tuesday. We found a 2018 Mazda3 with only 13,800 miles and got a great deal on it. Thanks to all who contributed to our car fund. Praise God for His provision.
- I'm still wobbling like a penguin but am finally getting relief from a chiropractor. If only he could stay with me all the time! Pray for wisdom and healing.
- Naomi has had some hard days. She has been suicidal and spent about 10-days in Acute Care. They changed her medications and she is now home but it was very scary. Please pray for wisdom as parents and God's clear direction as we walk through this journey with her.

## better together: 7 DAYS OF PRAYERS FOR COUPLES

Praying together is one of the most intimate and unifying things you can do as a couple. It is not a ritual to add to your day, nor is it a guarantee against difficulty. It is a spiritual habit that will make you allies in life, love, and purpose. The small commitment of just a few minutes in prayer together each day can bring big changes to your relationship, drawing you closer to God and each other.

### Day 1: Thank God for the Gift of Each Other

*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you.  
—Philippians 1:3*

When you truly express gratitude for your marriage, you experience a deep sense of awe and appreciation for each other. It is an acknowledgement that you value your relationship and treasure how meaningful it is to you. When counting your blessings, whether you're going through a rough patch or having the time of your life, thank God for the gift of marriage and each other. That which you appreciate, you cherish.

### Praying together for us:

Father, we thank You for the gift of each other and for our marriage. Help us to develop and deepen that gratitude every day, and to make a habit of expressing our appreciation to each other regularly. Amen

To sign up for the rest of this 7-day series, go to [www.familylife.com/bettertogetherprayers](http://www.familylife.com/bettertogetherprayers).

## Happy New Year!

As you think about this new year, here's a great way to get on the same page with your spouse. Our president, David Robbins, created a free Family Values resource for us that you can find here:

[www.familylife.com/values-exercise/](http://www.familylife.com/values-exercise/)

### God-sightings...

Tuesday, as we were car shopping with Dave, we visited two different car dealers. We first checked what was available and then had it narrowed down to two cars. So we met with the first salesman and got numbers for that car. Then we went to the other dealer and as we were talking with that salesman, it came out that he had been only married a month.

Thinking about how good it would have been to go to a Weekend to Remember when we were first married, I wrote down the information he would need. As we were finishing up, I said I had one thing for him and I told him about the weekend and when it was in Little Rock.

He got a big smile on his face and said, "My wife will love this!" He said they would definitely check it out.

It's easier to not say anything, but I'm so glad I listened to that nudge!

**Gratefully day by day,**

*Larry and Lynn*