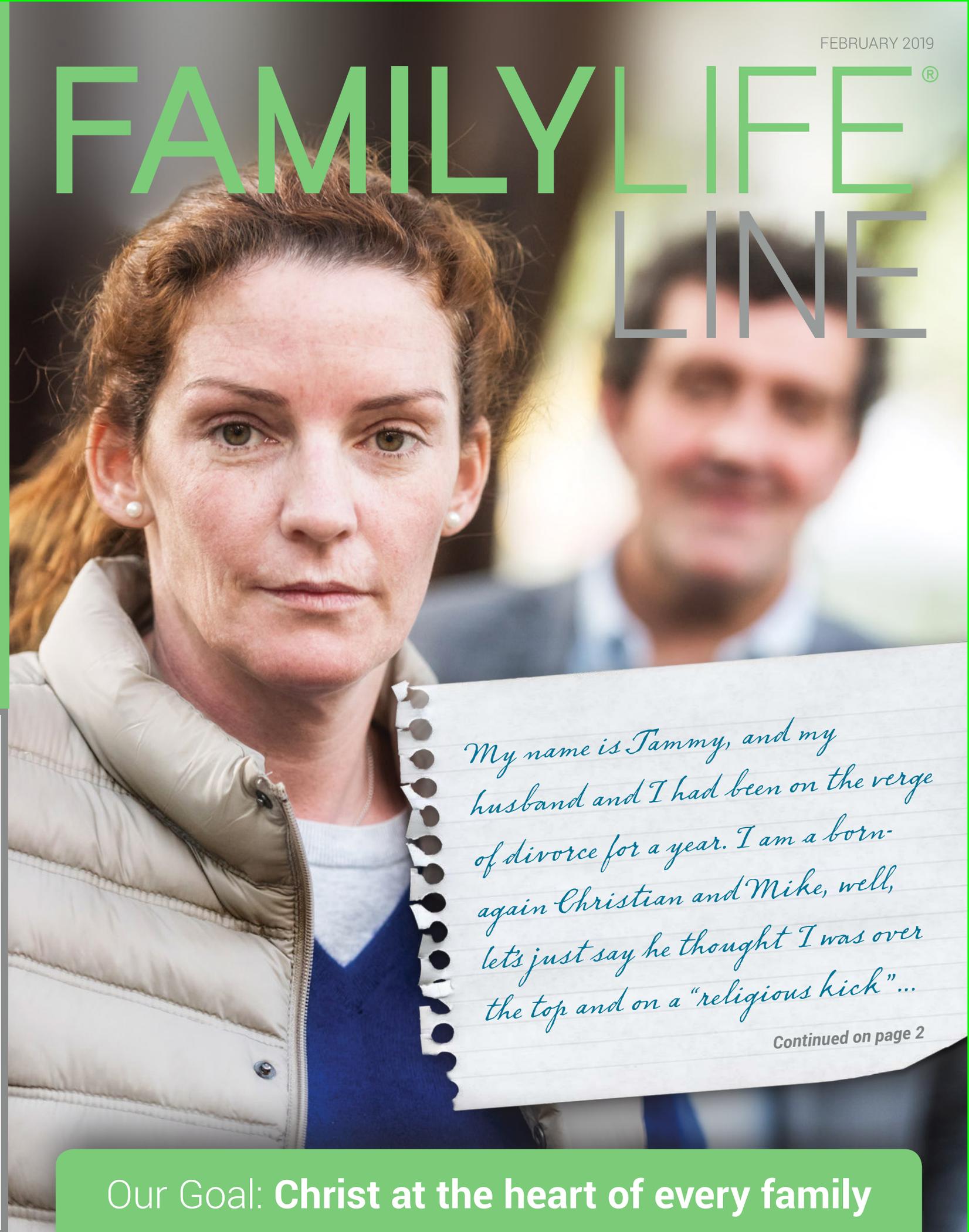


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My name is Tammy, and my husband and I had been on the verge of divorce for a year. I am a born-again Christian and Mike, well, let's just say he thought I was over the top and on a "religious kick"...

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Our Goal: **Christ at the heart of every family**

You are helping to restore marriages and r

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Transformed Heart Leads to Transformed Marriage

We had just been in discussions of calling it quits when someone at my church announced the Weekend to Remember® getaway in Sioux Falls. I approached Mike about it, and he reluctantly said he would go.

Mike had told me on several occasions that he didn't know if there was a God and he certainly didn't believe in heaven or hell. I knew he was going along with the getaway only to pacify me. On Friday night they talked about the worldview of marriage in comparison to God's principles. Mike's response? ...

"This is all a crock!"

At that point I had a peace from God about Mike that I have never felt before. I remember thinking that God has some work to do with him. At the session the next morning, Mike was really laughing and enjoying the talk. His demeanor was changing, even toward me. As we followed along in the book and came to the page where the "sinner's prayer" was printed, he came to a complete



standstill. He didn't move except for fidgeting with his pen near the signature line. After what seemed like minutes, he signed his name and dated it, confirming he had accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. Tears flooded down my face.

Sunday was the big day! I found him sobbing, only able to tell me that he was sorry and he believed we

needed God in our marriage. That night when we got home, he led us in a review of our lessons from the weekend and in praying together. Then, when we finished, he told me he loved me—for just the second time in the 20-plus years I have known him.



Even though I have been a believer for many years, I learned to trust God that weekend. I witnessed Mike's

transformation right before my eyes. God is so good, and I thank you for spreading that message to married couples everywhere.

"So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

—Matthew 19:6 NKJV

Thanks to You, Australian Couple Finds New Hope!

Jodi was heartbroken. Even though she and her husband, Tim, had been separated for a couple of years, she always thought things would somehow work out. Then she learned that Tim had moved in with a new girlfriend, and Jodi felt her world crashing down.

When she contacted FamilyLife through our website to ask for prayer, we invited her and Tim to our "Day Together" marriage conference in Brisbane, Australia, their home country. Jodi was excited about the opportunity but doubted Tim would buy into the idea. We encouraged her to pray about it, and to her surprise, Tim agreed to come.

During the conference, Jodi was moved by the gospel message and made a decision to submit her life to

Jesus. And as a couple, she and Tim put a plan together to try and salvage their marriage.

Thank you for reaching out to people like Jodi and Tim through your support—and for helping to restore hope when life seems hopeless. **Please join us in praying for this dear couple, that God will continue to heal and restore their marriage.**



Reach families for Christ!



Till Death Do Us Part

Anthony and Leslie had been warned ... *expect spiritual warfare*. And as the Weekend to Remember marriage getaway approached, their already tenuous marriage grew increasingly fragile.

With tension mounting between the husband and wife, the drive to the conference felt like the longest they'd ever taken together. Clearly the enemy was attempting to squash their getaway experience before it ever began. But once they arrived, things quickly changed. Anthony became fully engaged in the teachings the first night and was committed to finishing the "homework" before turning in for the night. And Leslie was filled with joy and hope that God was already at work.

Alive Again

The biggest victory came the following day, when Anthony responded to an invitation to receive Jesus. "I was so honored to have had the privilege to witness Anthony accept Christ," says Leslie. For the remainder of the getaway, Anthony and Leslie were inseparable. Their marriage was alive again.

Back home, the restored couple are keenly aware that the daily battle remains—that they still live in a sinful world. But they also know God is on their side. "We intend to wear God's armor," Leslie says. "We will defend and protect our marriage till death do us part."

A WORD FROM DAVID

Reaching the World Begins at Home

Families are the greatest untapped resource for good in our world. Cru's founder, Bill Bright, always said: "If we reach the family, we reach the world." Of course, this begins in our own homes, by passing on Jesus and the ways of Jesus to our children and grandchildren.



David Robbins
President & CEO

Most people make the decision to follow Jesus between age 4 and 13. That's a small window. And if you're a parent or grandparent, you understand how time truly flies when it comes to the kids. So, it's critical we are intentional about reaching the hearts of these precious ones early on.

There are many ways we can speak truths into the lives of our children and grandchildren. Here are a few I urge you to consider:

Live in a way that reflects God's fruit—Rather than just telling them about God's love, we must model how our lives have been transformed through Christ. Words backed up by action make a lasting impact.

Craft intentional moments to share the Good News—Whether it's reading a book together, playing their favorite game, or spending an afternoon at the park, create opportunities to connect the activity to God (such as marveling at His creation of the park's trees and flowers).

Pray together—Ask your children or grandchildren how you can pray for them. Simply take a moment to pray with them. Too few kids grow up with adults in their life who model how to go before God at a time of need. Follow up later to see how God is answering.

May God bless you as you lead your family toward the cross!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Robbins".



The Great Commission Leads to Great Families

Help share Christ with the world!

When families receive the redemptive message of Christ's love and God's timeless truths for a happy, healthy home, lives are transformed for generations.

Your generous support at the start of the new year will go a long way to help lead lost souls to the cross, restore broken marriages and equip families to become stronger than ever before. Specifically, you will help:

- **Increase the number of Weekend to Remember getaway attendees to 62,500.**
- **Reach 1 million people with FamilyLife's Art of Parenting™ in the next three years.**
- **Translate Art of Parenting into Mandarin, the most-spoken language in the world.**
- **Share the truth of the gospel with each person who encounters FamilyLife ministry!**

Please stand with us in 2019 to make every home a godly home!

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Minneapolis, MN; Akron, OH;
Sunriver, OR; Overland Park, KS

March 15-17: Ventura, CA;
Minneapolis, MN; Franklin, TN;
Reston, VA; Garden City, ID

March 22-24: Skytop, PA;
Lincoln, NE; Beachwood, OH

March 29-31: Branson, MO;
Buffalo, NY; Oak Brook, IL

To register or for more
upcoming dates and
locations, go to
weekendtoremember.com



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