

FAMILY LIFE® LINE

A Marriage Worth Saving

The divorce papers said it all. David and Valorie Hall's marriage was a bust. Hurtful words had been said. Hearts had hardened. And now their signatures, scribbled across the bottom of a page, would void the vows they once cherished. All that was left was to file the document. Indeed, the Halls' marriage was finished. Or was it?

Though David and Valorie had given up on each other, the couple's pastor and his wife had not. "They refused to let us quit on each other when we didn't want to keep going," the Halls said. "As a last-ditch effort, they convinced us to get on a boat—the Love Like You Mean It® 2017 FamilyLife® cruise."

While at sea, God began to do a new work in David and Valorie as individuals and as a couple. Gifted speakers challenged their reluctant hearts and minds, and FamilyLife staff counseled them and prayed over them. Valorie learned to forgive and to let her heart grow soft again. David learned to acknowledge his selfishness and sin, and to repent. And little by little, the divorce they'd both been determined



YOU HELPED DAVID AND VALORIE RECLAIM THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST... AND EACH OTHER.

Turn the page to discover how God is working through you. >

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to carry out came unglued.

"In short, God has saved our marriage," the Halls said. "He used FamilyLife® to do it, and we are eternally grateful."

A symbol of the Halls' saved marriage resides in a tiny glass bottle at FamilyLife's headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas: ashes of the divorce papers they burned when they returned home from the cruise.



The Halls sent the ashes as a testimony to the miraculous work God is doing through FamilyLife—and through caring friends like you who make it all possible.

Thank you for partnering with us, and for not giving up on married couples like the Halls.

You helped Bill become a new man

Bill may not have been the family man he wanted to be, but he's been transformed through the power of Christ!

"Lord, am I dying?" Bill prayed as he sat on the floor. "Please give me another chance. Tell me what I need to do," he pleaded.

Intoxicated, Bill had taken a bad fall. His head throbbed, and for two hours he sat contemplating his life, including his 40 years of alcohol abuse. "At first I was crying tears of sorrow," he says. "I was so sorry. I wrecked other people's lives from the alcoholism. Then the tears turned to tears of joy. It was like right then and there something had taken away my need to drink."

That was saying something. For the past three years, Bill had consumed a fifth of vodka every day. Suddenly, miraculously, the urge was gone. He was a new man.

When a friend told Bill about a Christian radio station, he tuned in and discovered *FamilyLife Today*®, the daily broadcast made possible by generous friends like you. "I never miss a show," Bill says. "I've got two kids, and we never did it the way we were supposed to. I lost three marriages. But just because I couldn't make it doesn't mean somebody else can't."

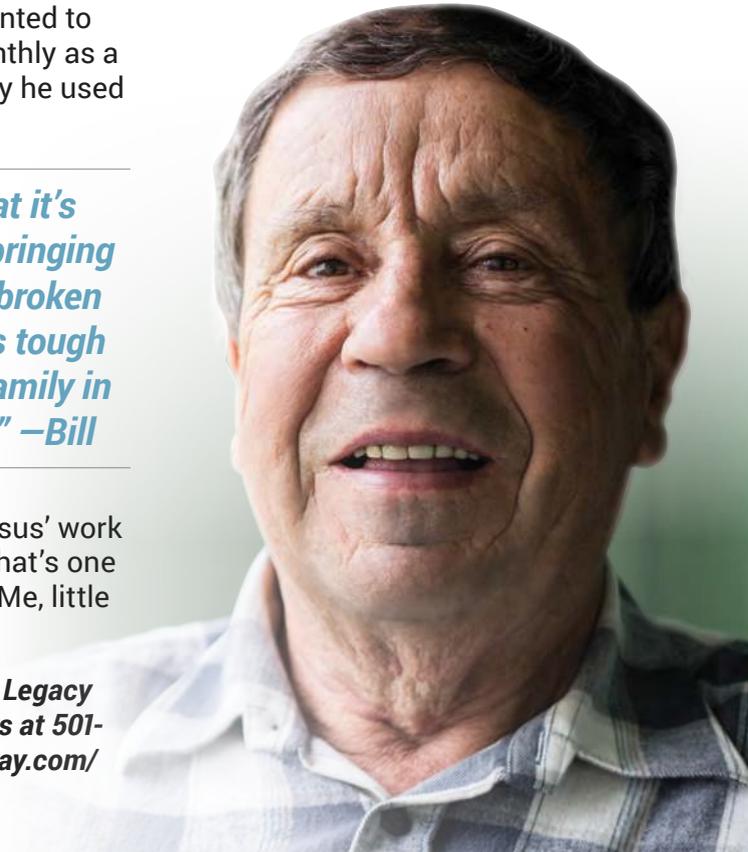
That's when Bill decided he wanted to support the radio ministry monthly as a Legacy Partner and give money he used to spend on alcohol.

Today Bill has been a faithful Legacy Partner for three years and he encourages others to do the same. "We're all disciples," he says. "We're

"I know what it's like to be bringing up kids in broken homes. It's tough raising a family in this world." —Bill

supposed to be carrying on Jesus' work here, doing great things. And that's one thing that's really astounding. Me, little old me, can be in ministry."

To learn more about becoming a Legacy Partner, please call Mike Clowers at 501-228-2542. Or visit FamilyLifeToday.com/LegacyPartner today!



TAKE A LOOK AT THIS ...

Thank you for the difference you're making for the Kingdom!

MAY MATCHING GIFT UPDATE: YOU DID IT!

The last of the gifts have been counted and we're thrilled to report that the May Matching Gift Campaign goal was met. In fact, thanks to the wonderful response from friends like you, we exceeded the goal, raising a total of \$817,000 to help strengthen families. Praise God!

“I knew I had nothing to fear.”

In the wake of a painful divorce, you helped Linda find comfort ... and a new mission.



Your support of our daily *FamilyLife Today*® radio program provided Linda with much-needed encouragement and counsel.

Marriage has not been kind to Linda. Three times she’s walked down the aisle and each time the relationship ended badly—once with physical and verbal abuse.

“I went out and searched for men like this because I didn’t know what to look for in a husband,” Linda says. “I didn’t know my dad because he was emotionally absent to me.”

After her last divorce, Linda began focusing on her relationship with Jesus. A friend connected her with a weekly women’s Bible study and she began listening to *FamilyLife Today*, our daily radio broadcast which you help support. Through those daily programs, Linda found great comfort and a growing desire to support FamilyLife and help other couples avoid the pain she had endured.

Linda made her first sacrificial gift to FamilyLife when she received an inheritance upon her father’s death. “I took 10 percent of that, which at the time was a big struggle for me to let go of,” she says. “The Holy Spirit kept telling me, *I’m not going to fail you, but you have to show me that you’re going to trust me*. When I finally relinquished what I had, it was the greatest experience. At that moment, I knew I had nothing to fear.”

Today, Linda continues as a faithful ministry partner. She has even designated a portion of her trust fund to FamilyLife through our Estate Planning Program. We’re thankful for Linda and each of our supporters who give generously to strengthen families!

To learn more about the benefits of estate planning and connect with an experienced advisor, visit www.crufoundation.org.

SO FAR THIS YEAR:

1,524 Weekend to Remember® pastor and military **scholarships given**

1,308 stations air FamilyLife® broadcasts weekly

More than 6,000 attended Blended and Blessed®

103 countries with FamilyLife presence

If you would like to support these life-changing outreaches, [click here!](#)

You Helped *Like Arrows* Hit the Target!



Positive Reviews!

Like Arrows: 98%

Black Panther: 96%

Avengers Infinity War: 84%

(from *RottenTomatoes.com*)

2-Day Showing in 832 Theaters:

- **70,207** moviegoers
- **15,871** moms and dads already engaged with FamilyLife’s Art of Parenting™
- **2,000** small-group kits sold to date

Tweets & Posts ...

@hannah.c.arnold Date night with Audrey we went to see #likearrows. So much of this new movie from @familylifetoday feels just like the mission God gave me for my very own family way before I even had children. I love that they have a parenting/bible study to go along with what they talk about in the movie. Praying this movie is a huge encouragement to today’s parents and that many lives will be changed because of it. #sendingoutarrows #mylife

@marykate_42 @familylifeinsta such a great movie. It portrayed real family issues and struggles we face to raise kids in a world that does not put God first and also maintain our own faith as a family and wife and husband. Well done. Made us all consider ways to do this as a family and as a church.

***Like Arrows* was made possible through the generosity of friends like you. Thank you for your life-changing support!**



God is working through you to change lives at Weekend to Remember®!



“We have been separated two years now and our marriage is literally on life support. Neither of us looked to gain much from this weekend but God stepped in and said, ‘I haven’t given up on you yet!’ I would have never imagined the outcome. For the first time in two years I understood the heart of my wife. God showed me that He is still working miracles and that He could save our marriage. We could have never reached this point without the WTR. I can see that with God we will make it. Thank you for everything!”
— Married 19 years



“We were in a deep hole and running out of oxygen, but now we have a rope to get out. It’s time to climb out! Praise God!”
— Married 5 years



“We were done, ready to go our own way. This getaway was a breath of fresh air. We were suffocated with ourselves and thank God for this getaway. Now we can breathe again. There is hope.”
— Married 9 years

BE A LIFELINE TO FAMILIES IN CRISIS

Your continued support today will be a blessing to struggling families—to moms, dads and children who long for their family to be all that God intended. Please click below to make a special gift today. And help reach them with the life-changing hope of the gospel. Thank you!

MAKE MY GIFT NOW!

A WORD FROM DAVID

Every Home a Godly Home



David Robbins
President & CEO

It’s hard to believe I’ve already been in this role for six months. It’s been a bit of a whirlwind, but with each passing day, I’m more and more grateful for you. That’s because the need for godly marriages and families has never been so great. Across the country and around the world, families are breaking apart. Failing. But they are redeemable and worth fighting for.

1 Corinthians 13:6-7 says: “Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

As a partner with FamilyLife®, you allow God to work through you to help equip struggling families, like those featured in this newsletter, with Bible-based resources that speak truth and bring restoration. And together, we will continue to reach broader audiences than ever before.

Thank you for your faithful support, and for standing with us to make every home a godly home.

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