

FAMILY LIFE[®] LINE

The world sees ashes; YOU SEE ROOM FOR MIRACLES

You brought a dead marriage back from the brink!

Jermaine and Amelia's son—their fourth child—was three days old when Jermaine walked out on their family and their marriage.

"There were a lot of things going on that made me leave," Jermaine explains. "I lived a street life, a very fast life. Alcohol and drugs—you name it. I was being what I thought a man was supposed to be. My father ... didn't teach me a lot about the foundation and basics of what a man was supposed to be. ... We had no instruction about how a marriage was supposed to go."

For Jermaine and Amelia, it looked like the cycle of broken families would continue. After that heartbreaking day, they stayed apart for four years and their divorce was finalized. *But God wasn't done ...*

You see, Amelia became a Christian shortly after Jermaine left. She leaned heavily on her heavenly Father and prayed daily for Jermaine, "God, I need You to protect my husband. Protect him until You bring him

***"Now to Him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we ask or
imagine, according to His power that
is at work within us, to Him be glory ..."***
Eph. 3:20-21a (NIV)

back because he doesn't understand."

During those long years, God was indeed working on Jermaine. One night, in desperation, Jermaine prayed: "I have no idea how to change my life. I have no idea what to do from this point forward. If there is something different in life, show me."

God then led Jermaine on a path that changed his habits, friendships and attitudes. He was baptized. And after an extended period of reconciliation ... he and Amelia remarried!

Of course, the struggle wasn't over ... which is why Jermaine and Amelia were so grateful when someone introduced them to FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember®. The time was so valuable that they've made it an annual getaway every year since 2016. **And they've also decided to sponsor at least one other couple every year, the first being their nephew and his new bride.**

They believe that Weekend to Remember saved their second marriage from becoming a repeat of their first.



"A Weekend to Remember saves lives, it saves marriages, and it builds families," Jermaine says.

Like you, they are giving so others might see their own miracle.

YOU'RE on the forefront of SAV



Your impact! From a history of infidelity:

"This [Weekend to Remember] would be the deciding factor about whether I filed for divorce on Monday or not. This event changed him, and changed us. **We came out completely different and renewed.**"

Your impact! From a blended military family weathering multiple deployments:

"The struggle was exhausting, and there was nowhere to turn for support. ... [At this Weekend to Remember], we remembered that we were **God's plan of support for each other ... Thank you for saving my husband, me and our family.**"

Your impact! From a history of abuse, infidelity and pornography:

"**We have decided to fight for what God has given us.** That's why we came to Weekend to Remember, and it has been a true blessing. We are leaving ready to turn our marriage around and be who God meant for us to be."

We're in it with you

With four children ages 3, 8, 10 and 13, my wife, Meg, and I are "in the thick of it." It can get a little crazy.

But in the quiet of the night, I wonder if you do what I do. Do you think of the faces of those dearest to you and wonder: *Will they make it?*

Will they stand up to the pressures of the world? Will they remain pure and faithful? Will they cling to the God who loves them and died for them? If they seem to have walked away ... will they ever come back?

I don't want to give "token" answers to such challenging questions and real struggles. But as you ponder all the hard things, I do want to remind you:

God is a God of miracles, of restoration!

He is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20). Though the attacks on families are growing and changing, His Word will *always* illuminate the path ahead. There is so much reason to hope. I also want you to know you are not alone. FamilyLife is here for you as a resource to help you and your family along this path.

Thank you for the honor of journeying with you.

David Roberts



ING FAMILIES facing intense challenges!

Then & Now

You provide biblical answers to challenges earlier generations never faced. Here's a look at teens then ... and now.

1959

- Should I ask her to the dance?
- Will mom let me see that movie?
- How quickly can I finish my chores and go outside?
- I need a summer job!
- Do my friends think I am cool?

2019

- If I were dead, would anyone really care?
- How many followers do I have on social media?
- How do I know I'm straight if I don't try a gay relationship?
- Am I safe at school?
- My best friend says she's a he.

So often, FamilyLife is contacted by a parent desperate to address an issue their parents never had to discuss with them. That's why your continued giving is such a blessing. You're helping FamilyLife reach the next generation with help for today and hope for tomorrow!

18%
of teenagers (13-17)
view **pornography**
weekly.

150,000
American youth
(13-17) identify as
transgender.

7.1%
of children aged 3-17
years (4.4 million) have
diagnosed **anxiety.**

Suicide
is the **second-leading**
cause of death among
youth (10-19) in the U.S.

Thank you for helping new generations face hard issues from a biblical perspective!

Help Families Tackle the Hard Things:

YOUR Gift Makes All the Difference!

The battle is on for marriages, families, and the hearts of our children and grandchildren. The good news is that God is doing incredible, miraculous things as people hear the truth about His plan for families. But every day, more families turn to FamilyLife for help ...



Real Parent Life outreach™ **Your gift of \$40 can share four Real Parent Life Outreach Kits** with parents seeking help!

FamilyLife Today® Radio & Podcasts **Your gift of \$20.35 can reach 250 people** with an entire month of relevant, biblical answers!

Weekend to Remember® **Your gift of \$165 can help provide a scholarship to a couple** in financial need and save a marriage!

THANK YOU!

As families face challenges previous generations never thought of, YOUR help is critical to encourage them, inspire them and equip them to follow God in a broken world. Please consider stretching to give a special gift this month to help answer the hard questions ... to step into difficult situations with gospel help and hope. Thank you.

\$130,000 needed by August 31. Please help today!

You can help to reach another family with the gospel!

Give Now!

Your gift today will enable us to help bring marriages, families and children back from the brink!

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