



The Ministry Minute

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January 2012 Update

Challenge: Make Your Marriage a Top Priority in 2012



Dennis Rainey, the President of FamilyLife, is famous for challenging folks on the FamilyLife Today radio program. Shawn and I believe that if Dennis and Barbara sat down with us as a couple (*or you as a couple*), they would challenge us to make our marriage a top priority in 2012. Marriages and families are falling apart everywhere—and no one, *and we mean no one*, is immune. With an estimated 1 million divorces to be granted in the U.S. in the New Year, Shawn and I and every couple needs a **PROACTIVE plan** to prioritize their marriage—before work, before the kids (or grandkids), and even before “church activities”.

So here’s the question: **What will YOU do proactively in 2012 to make your marriage the priority it should be?**

Regular date nights, overnight getaways, reading a book together, praying together—these are just a few ideas. We challenge you to get with your spouse THIS WEEK and plan together to make this happen. Like a boat floating slowly downstream, your marriage can only grow by paddling against the current!!

One great way to PRIORITIZE your marriage is by attending a Weekend to Remember Getaway. Enclosed you will find a sheet listing all our Weekend to Remember Getaways for **Spring 2012 by state**. You can find out about all our current dates/locations by going to www.familylife.com/weekend. So look through the list OR go online and find a location and date that you can commit to. Mark it on your calendars and make it a priority. You will NOT regret it!!

IMPORTANT: REGISTERING FOR A GETAWAY: *If you are a Financial Supporter/Ministry Partner with us, you will be receiving a Ministry Partner Certificate from us in January. This certificate allows you to register for a Getaway for \$78 per couple. If you are NOT a Ministry Partner with us, you can register for \$159/couple by joining Glen and Shawn’s personal group. The link to join our group for \$159/couple is: <http://www.familylife.com/groups/solberggroup> You can also call FamilyLife at 1-800-FL-TODAY and tell them you are registering under the “SolbergGroup”.*

New Year’s Prayer and Quote: Anticipating the Good and Not-so-good in 2012

I have not been one for New Year’s Resolutions—too many promises broken to myself and disappointment. But I do think it is good and right as a Christ-follower to look ahead to the New Year, as we look forward to all the Lord God has in store for us!

So Shawn and I want to encourage you with both the quote below and the prayer to the right. May the Lord Himself encourage and challenge you in 2012, day-by-day, to live for Him and His Kingdom!

As we grow older in life, years somehow seem to shorten and New Year's Day approaches with an ever increasing tempo. The more mature we get, the more we realize that time is only relative; how we live means more than how long we live. Happily also we do not live by years, but by days. In His wisdom God does not show us all that lies ahead. So we enter a new year to live it day by day. What is past is past. Today we start anew, and what we do today will make our life for tomorrow. Chin up, shoulders straight, eyes a gleam, let us salute the New Year, and each day let us follow more faithfully, more courageously, more daringly the lead of our great Captain who bids us follow Him.

William Thomson Hanzsche

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!

- ◆ *Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;*
- ◆ *Not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy to travel any path;*
- ◆ *Not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart;*
- ◆ *Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;*
- ◆ *Not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help.*

God’s love, peace, hope, and joy to you for the year ahead.

Author Unknown

January Verse:

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.”

Psalms 91:1-2

Join us in giving our Lord praise for:

- Art of Marriage: We had just over 20 couples and two individuals attend the AOM at our home church. And although we had wished for more attendance, the folks who came were impacted by God and His Word!
- Travel: We praise God for safe travel for Glen and Caleb in November to South Padre and for Glen and Sarah to San Antonio in early December!
- God’s Provision: Thru some very generous friends, our kids were given a 42” TV for their “teen room” along with an Xbox!!
- 2011: For the Lord’s protection, guidance, blessing, and provision throughout the year!

Join us in praying to our Lord God for:

- Red River Team: For the 13 Weekend to Remember Getaways we are hosting this Spring—that the Lord would encourage the local teams to continue praying and inviting and that each location would be filled to capacity!!
- Homeschooling: For a good “re-start” as we begin again on the week of January 9th. May the Lord grant us His wisdom to build, not only the knowledge of our kids, but more importantly their knowledge of God and their Godly character.
- Enjoying Life: That in the midst of the “busyness” of daily life, we would take time to really enjoy each day, with it’s ups and downs—remembering it is a “gift of God” to us!
- Daily Keeping Our Priorities: God first, Marriage second, Family third, and Ministry activities after that.