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FamilyLife Ministry: Developing godly families, who change the world, one home at a time

18 Years Later, God Remains Faithful



This rainbow following a recent storm here in Little Rock reminds us of God's promises and faithfulness

Did you know that on May 3, 2000, when our family left Elgin, IL to begin our new adventure in Little Rock, AR—an adventure that only God could have orchestrated for us—we didn't have much assurance of what to expect beyond that God was trustworthy. So we took our leap of faith and now, 18 years later, we are delighted to reveal that God is, in-

deed, faithful—and that the adventure He had planned for us has been rewarding—as well as challenging.

We now have 7 grandchildren—and an 8th (and 9th—twins!) on the way! The rewards of being Pops and Grandma are indescribable. Undeserved favor is an accurate way to express our joy and grat-

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Travel Plans

FY19 Events

Save the Dates! The Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 event schedules are quickly finalizing and the Weekend to Remember getaways for the cities we currently oversee are all set.
St. Louis, Dec. 7-9, 2018 at the Hyatt Regency at the Arch Hotel; Tulsa, February 22-24, 2019 at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel and Convention Center; Chicago-Oak Brook Hills, March 29-31, 2019 at the Hilton-Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort; Chicago-Lincolnshire, April 12-14, 2019 at the Marriott Lincolnshire Resort.

Prayer and Praises

- † Please pray that our children who want to stay home to raise their children, will be blessed with jobs that allow them to serve and earn resources that keep them available for their children.
- † Praise God for a new fence around our backyard and the resources to put it up—and the opportunity to tear down the broken, unsightly chain link fencing as we’ve hoped and planned to do for the 18 years we’ve had it. Please pray that God would use our backyard time with grandchildren, family and friends for our good and His glory.
- † Pray for Dan, who needs transportation. Pray he’ll find a reliable car he can afford that will get him where he wants and needs to be. Pray for us to have wisdom as to how we can help/ if we can help
- † Praise God for Joey and Brittany, who just found out they are pregnant with twins! Please pray Brittany and the babies will experience great health.

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FamilyLife’s Like Arrows movie was seen by over 70,000 people in nearly 1000 theaters nationwide. Rotten Tomatoes gave it a 98 score (the Black Panther received a 96) and The Art of Parenting 8-week Study is now available and you can experience it for FREE through The Art of Parenting Online Series, available at www.familylife.com/parenting. Try it, you’ll love it!

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itude to God for this new role. And having all our children and grandchildren within 45 minutes of our home is unmerited favor from God as well.

As for challenges, leaving the Chicago area, leaving a career with the Chicago Tribune (after nearly 26 years), leaving family and dear friends wasn’t easy. The role of missionary for the family with FamilyLife is not “easy” either and has resulted in a closer unity with God—the type of closer unity that only comes through trials God allows. Reflecting on our 18 years is an interesting pursuit in that we really didn’t know what life in Little Rock, Arkansas might be like. Looking back, we still wonder if agreeing that God was doing the calling was more a “test” of our faith or a *confirmation* of our faith. Perhaps it is both.

What we do not wonder is if it was God who was instigating the move. One of the aspects about being here is the demonstration of God’s faithfulness that has become constant (though we still at times fight doubt). Though we wouldn’t have asked for our trials, its been through tears, temptations, loss and pain that we have learned more about God and His faithfulness than we would/

could have otherwise. In 2 Chronicles 7:14, the “walk humbly” part is much easier to do when you recognize/admit that you don’t have it all together—such as when you face trials. When things are “going well” it is much easier to take credit.

That notwithstanding, things are going pretty well at this time—and the gratitude is flowing because I know it is God who brings the proper perspective. Recently, through a week-long International Bible Study (IBS) class with 30 staff members, the Old Testament Survey class was reminded and reinforced with many basic truths that had sort of faded to black in our minds: 1) The people God used for His glory and the good of His people, Israel, were quite imperfect folks! 2) The Mosaic Law was properly impossible for man to perfectly fulfill yet it pointed out the sinfulness of mankind that would otherwise have been missed. It demonstrated the need for a Savior who is Jesus—of whom it foretold. Jesus said He didn’t come to abolish the Law, but to fulfill it. The New Covenant also points to our need for a Savior as it exposes our sinfulness and therefore our NEED for Jesus, the One perfect provision whose sacrifice saves us. To God be the glory.