

The Alsops

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We love this time of year because...

...we get to hear from couples who have just attended the Weekend to Remember. Sometimes it is their very first event and sometimes it is part of a long standing tradition they cherish as a couple. Two weeks ago we received this message from a couple who had just attended the event in Tampa.

"This is our annual reconnection and refocus on the important things. It is the most important weekend of our year consistently. We tell everyone how much these events mean to us.

Three years ago we were an unwed couple living together. A couple of people recommended to my "now" husband that we should come to a Weekend to Remember, and we did. He heard about God's plan for marriage and how important it is to be the mate God has designed each of us to be. He walked away from that weekend prepared to be the head of a successful, God-honoring family. I left in tears because I didn't understand how he was changing. Eight months later we were married, and I had come to understand our roles in the relationship.

That Weekend to Remember put our relationship on the right track, and now I look back on it with tears for a whole different reason!

I am so proud of the man my husband has become and how he has been praying for and encouraging me to become the woman God wants me to be. We now are building a ministry in our church to support marriages. We lead The Art of Marriage and are working on a small group type out-



reach. We are WTR group coordinators. And we come to a Weekend to Remember EVERY year to refocus on God's plan and reconnect with each other. This is our third weekend and we are already looking forward to next year's. :) Thank you FamilyLife."

Last October the son of our dear friends got married to his dream girl. We were excited to attend their wedding in Louisiana. We didn't have to check their gift registry; we knew that the very best gift with which we could bless this young couple who were so dear to our heart was the opportunity to learn God's plan for marriage at the Weekend to Remember. So as part of their first year anniversary celebration they attended this special getaway last week.



Sydney and I just celebrated our first anniversary with the Weekend to Remember, and we weren't exactly sure what to expect. But as it turns out it was exactly what we needed. The teaching about God's design for marriage, modeled by the speakers at the event, served as an excellent point of reference by which we could evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of our relationship. We will definitely make attending the Weekend to Remember a habit throughout our marriage.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Continue to pray for the Content Team as we edit and evaluate materials for radio, conferences and our bookstore. Pray for God to mold and shape our team to be what He wants
- Pray for the staff members who are working on the new FamilyLife holiday products. Pray that families will be taught by them and learn how much God truly loves them.
- Pray for the Weekend to Remember conferences that are occurring each weekend this fall. Pray that lives will be touched and marriages saved.
- Pray for our family. We are desperately needing a car since ours is 12 years old and has almost 200k miles on it. We need one we can rely on for travel and ministry.
- Pray for Nick's mom who has Alzheimer's Disease. Pray for peace and for her to be pain free.

Under His Mercy,

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Nick has just returned from a very difficult trip to Washington D.C. to visit with his mother who is suffering from Alzheimer's, severe osteoporosis and late stages Osteoarthritis. In order to minimize her confusion and disorientation by moving her out of her home the family has been basically running a nursing home out of her house for the last couple of years. But, sadly, she is now bed-ridden and has developed multiple infections. This has meant a move for her



Nick's Mom on her 86th birthday last March.

into a full time care facility. It is a beautiful home and has excellent nursing staff. We are so blessed and thankful that a place was open in this particular facility when we needed it. However, it is still very hard for her and for the family. She no longer recognizes anyone and cannot distinguish any of her visitors.

She is confused, in pain and it is

hard to see her suffer. Nick was so blessed to be able to read some scripture from John 15 to his mother during his visit. What a joy it was for him to see her listening peacefully to the Word of God that she has so often read aloud in her church services through the years.

We know that this is not an uncommon problem in the world today. If you have a family member who suffers from dementia or know someone who does then you understand the struggles and suffering involved. We want to suggest a few articles from FamilyLife.com to help you understand and cope with caring for an aging parent or friend with Alzheimer's Disease or some other form of dementia.

FREE RESOURCES AT
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Realities of the Caregiving Journey

Taking care of our elderly parents is a journey into the character of Christ.—By Shelly Beach

Help for the Caregiver

God is doing His transforming work in the person you are caring for and He also transforms.— By Michael R. Emlet

What God Has Done

(AUDIO)

Many things have changed since former seminary president Robertson McQuilkin came home to care for his wife Muriel, who suffered from Alzheimer's. Hear how God met them in their hour of need. — with: Robertson McQuilkin

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