

Happy Valentine's Day

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An exciting FamilyLife event going on this month is the Love Like You Mean It Cruise

FAMILYLIFE'S LOVE LIKE YOU MEAN IT MARRIAGE CRUISE 2014.....

is embarking on its 4th annual cruise February 10-14th! This is the only kid free full ship chartered Christian marriage cruise in the world! We take the best marriage content available and pair it with a relaxing Valentine's day cruise for two. Highlights of the week are fabulous music, ballroom dancing under the

stars, marriage enrichment, and culminating the week will be couples renewing their marriage vows! Nothing is mandatory and couples can just get away and enjoy some time together for the week. Whatever you'd like to do as a couple, there is a good chance you'll be able to do it. Join us for an unforgettable week on the high seas as you relax, renew and romance. You can check it out and book now for the 2015 cruise at www.familylife.com.

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This month we have decided to include some real life love stories from some of the people in our lives. They have all seen how a marriage based on Christ builds a legacy of love. We are honored to see how FamilyLife has been a part of that too.



**Richard & Nancy
married 12/6/70**

Receiving Jesus as our Lord and Savior transformed our individual lives, and our marriage! The more we grow in Him, through His Word and prayer, the more we become one as husband and wife. Focusing on how much forgiveness and grace we have received from our Savior, compels us to offer the same to each other. And, a grace filled relationship is so much more fun and romantic! A lifelong marriage covenant mirrors Christ's faithfulness. We can trust our relationship to the One Who thought of marriage and makes it a delight! We are increasingly thankful that we are best friends, love sharing life together, and look forward to 43 more years together. He upholds us and teaches us to encourage each other as we walk together through pain and disappointments, as well as joy, "in sickness and in health", whether "richer or poorer", till death do us part."

**Troy & Leslie
married 6/4/88**



I am thankful for this opportunity to share a small testimony of God's faithful love in our life. Troy and I have been married going on 26 years and are the proud parents of 12 children ranging in ages from 22 to 7. I think as parents we try so hard to raise our children to be loving, godly, wise and gifted young people who will make a difference in this world. God does have a plan for my children, but it may not look the way I had hoped and dreamed. They are each unique and have their own personalities, and how and when God works in their life is not always about our parenting decisions or styles. Sometimes as a parent we have to die to our dreams and let God work, guide and direct them in the way in which he chooses. Parenting is a long journey. That journey looks a little different for all of us.



**Stephen & Sydney
married 10/15/11**

We celebrated our first anniversary with a cruise and the Weekend to Remember. We weren't exactly sure what to expect. Our marriage has been smooth sailing thus far, thankfully without all the rough and tumble that some newlyweds experience. We weren't exactly sure what WTR had to offer us "non-crisis" couples. But the Weekend to Remember was exactly what we needed. The on-point, practical, biblical 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 WTR a habit throughout our marriage, till death do us part.