

The Riedy Reader

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At FamilyLife, we have long desired to see Every Home a Godly Home. Yet time and time again, couples have expressed that one of their biggest challenges in achieving a Godly home is parenting. To help, we are preparing to launch the largest new content offering in FamilyLife's 42 year history.

Our new parenting initiative will include a DVD-based small group curriculum (FamilyLife's Art of Parenting™), web portal, workbooks, age specific online videos, articles, devotionals, and more. The initiative launches on May 1st with FamilyLife's first full-length feature movie, [Like Arrows](#).

In a two-night Fathom event, [Like Arrows](#) will be shown in over 850 theaters across the country. It invites us to witness one couple's raw parenting journey and promises to stir the hearts of parents and church leaders toward intentional action.

Based on preliminary responses, we expect many theaters to sell out. Watch the trailer and secure your tickets at a theater near you today, <http://likearrowsmovie.com>.



Like Arrows
May 1 and 3 Only

After previewing the movie, one father commented, "I thought I was doing a pretty good job as a father, but I realize now that it's not enough just to have peace in the house. I need to start thinking bigger. This movie has inspired me to get more involved with my kids. They grow up too fast."

A mother of 4 said, "I thought [Like Arrows](#) was really real. That's the best word for it. It displayed the raw emotions within a family and the different dynamics between your children, because they are all different. The thread of redemption was all the way through the movie. It was so encouraging."

Executive produced by Alex and Stephen Kendrick, and FamilyLife's Dennis and Barbara Rainey and Bob Lepine, the parenting movie [Like Arrows](#) will be released in theaters for two nights only, May 1 and May 3.

It is our prayer that God uses this movie to start a movement of intentional Christian parenting around the world!

— FAMILYLIFE® presents —
One WEEKEND JUNE 1-3

ONE WEEKEND THAT JUST MIGHT CHANGE YOUR LIFE

OneWeekend is a 2 & 1/2 day experience where we'll meet you at the intersection of your calling journey and your burdens and passions, where we'll help you find your place in the Great Commission, and where we'll deepen your understanding of what it's like to serve as Missionary staff with FamilyLife®. Pay for your transportation to FamilyLife world headquarters here in Little Rock, and we will cover the rest (OneWeekend materials and meals).

Let us know if you are interested, and we will be glad to connect you with the event organizer!



About the Movie

When conflict, rebellion, and resentment overwhelm their family, Charlie and Alice are forced to rethink their parenting strategy. In the process, they realize how critical intentionality a focus are when shaping and molding young lives. FamilyLife's first feature film explores the



challenges and joys that come with raising children. Through a journey that unfolds over 50 years, Charlie and Alice discover the unmistakable power of family. Together, they learn that knowing and living by God's Word is what brings transformation and hope any family. More at <http://likearrowsmovie.cc>

In the midst of this parenting initiative, though, we will not forget our focus on marriage as well as on family. Weekend to Remember® events continue all over the country, with 56 events just this Spring! Also, Ron Deal and the blended team are excited for the upcoming livestream!

You may recall that Eric went to Michigan back in February to help an employer who was sponsoring their employees to attend the Grand Rapids Weekend to Remember. Well, the event went great! There were almost 300 total people sponsored by the company and **one of the those indicated they accepted Christ** as Lord and Savior during the weekend. **Praise God!**

"This weekend gave us time & space, to address some underlying tensions in our relationship. We laughed together," commented a wife of 13 years.

We're excited how God continues to use us in role He has us at FamilyLife. However, we couldn't do it without you our partners. Thank you.

In Him,

Eric & Deb

Tear & Prayer



Pray that Charissa ends her school year strong, & adjusts well after her break-up with Justin

Pray for our summer planning as we look to visit PA & CT this June ~ 8-25

Pray for Brenna as she applies for college & considers her choice of major and future plans

Pray for Eric's health— we are waiting on results from genetic testing regarding colon cancer risks, but also considering our response to a diagnosis of osteoporosis

Praise for a productive trip to MI for Eric in February & all the connections he was able to make

Praise for another year of homeschooling almost complete-only planned on 1 year, now finishing 10!