



In 2011, when The Art of Marriage[®] Video Event Kit was published, there was a general sense of excitement around FamilyLife[®]. We looked forward to how God was going to use this very mobile, versatile tool to help strengthen marriages.

I must say, though, that there was a bit of trepidation as well. What would this pre-recorded, portable product do to the attendance at our Weekend to Remember[®] Getaways? Would people still set aside a whole weekend, get child-care, drive away from home, pay hotel fees, and such, to come to our live events? Would the getaway be considered 'old-fashioned' in this very digital, visual world? Well, after seven years of offering both products I think the 'Season Recap' to the left means we can safely say that there is room for both!

I think the most exciting news is NOT listed in the recap, though, and that is that this is the highest average attendance per event since 1998! And remember, this is in addition to all the lives Art of Marriage has touched! No, it is not just a numbers game, but each of those numbers is a gospel opportunity for a changed life. Each changed life is also an opportunity for a changed family, changed family legacy, and a changed community.

It is not just in this area that we are able to see God still

2018 Season Recap



2018 FamilyLife Global Summit—26 of the 105 countries with a FamilyLife presence had staff come in person to Little Rock! We were able to host Luis & Josefina Estevez who serve outside of Boston with the U.S Hispanic Ministry-Josefina also served as a translator for the summit. What a blessing!



Top Comments

I sobbed through the vows. They meant more to me today than they ever have! Praise God! Married 15 years (Chicago Oakbrook)

This was like a fresh drink of water during a dry time. We were tired and weary, now we feel young and in love! Married 43 years (Omaha)

Our marriage has many highway miles. This weekend is like an oil change, fresh tune-up, and new spark plugs! Married 20 years (Portland, ME)

I felt like our marriage was pretty good & not sure we'd learn anything new. Boy was I wrong! I feel like the reset button has been pushed. What a blessing this has been for us & our marriage. Married 8 years (Seattle)

We came here to get armed with weapons to have a great, Godly marriage. We are now better armed for battle. Engaged male (Phoenix)

All of these highs during a year that we are transitioning leadership have been such an encouragement! It makes me think of that old phrase, 'please be patient, God is not finished with me yet!' We need to be patient as the Robbinses find their rhythm in leading FamilyLife and as we launch this huge parenting initiative, but God is also showing us through all these ways that He is not finished with us yet. He has great plans to use FamilyLife going forward, and we are so blessed to be a part of that with YOU!

In Him, **Eric & Deb**

using and growing FamilyLife as a ministry—staffing is also seeing some exciting things. It was recently shared at a staff meeting that the ministry partners of FamilyLife staff (folks like YOU) have donated \$12,500,000 this year. The funding of staff in this manner reduces pressure on Eric's Donor Development department to raise staff salaries, allowing them to focus more on major ministry projects. Also, this summer we had nine college interns, the most ever in this new, developing program. Finally, we have twenty-two new staff out raising their initial support and looking to join full time staff as soon as possible. This is the highest number of new staff at one time in the past ten years..



Tear & Prayer

Pray for the Riedy Family
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Pray for the girls returning to school, Charissa (Jr. in college), Brenna & Amanda (Sr. and Freshman in High School)- The younger girls will be involved in Stoa Speech & Debate this year again as well
Pray for Eric's folks, his Dad has been in and out of the hospital again, and the house is not yet sold
Pray for an exciting meeting that Eric has in Grand Rapids 8/21 to connect community leaders with FamilyLife through corporate sponsorship
Praise Brenna has a new job! She has always wanted to work at our local library & now she starts there on 8/21-Amanda will still be at Izzy's
Praise/Prayer the oral surgeon had an opening 8/14 for Charissa to get her wisdom teeth out