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Greetings to you,

For decades now, FamilyLife has had thousands and thousands of couples learn timeless principles on God's design for marriage and family through their Weekend to Remember Marriage Getaways. You may have already attended one of these amazing events. Or maybe, you're like the many couples, who tell us they've "always wanted to go."

It's designed to relate to every couple no matter where they are in their marriage - newlywed, empty nesters, madly in love, or losing hope. Deborah and I make this event a regular part of our marriage relationship; we've attended four times in our last twelve years of marriage. From our first time attending it helped us establish a solid foundation on what we should each expect from marriage, our spouse, and what our own role should be. Every time we go we're in a different season of our lives/marriage/family and we learn something new again and again.

If this is the year you'd like to change that "always wanted to go" into a "we finally went" then we'd like to encourage you (or anyone else you know) to attend at half the registration rate. Simply use "LARA" as the group code when registering online or over the phone. And, to our financial partners, FamilyLife allows us to offer you an even greater discount for you to attend or to send someone else. Call, text, email, or write us for details and a certificate.

I'd also like to share with you a new event called The Art of Marriage that FamilyLife will be launching in a couple weeks on Feb. 11, 2011. This is a new one-and-a-half day video event for building marriages in your church or small group. This is a high energy, fun, interactive, and fast paced video presentation of the same principles that FamilyLife has been teaching at the Weekend to Remember Getaways for years.

If you're unable to attend a Weekend to Remember, or maybe in addition to it, I'd encourage you to go online to theartofmarriage.com or call FamilyLife to find out where you can attend one of these events or to learn more about hosting one yourself. In fact, this event is meant to be led by lay leaders in a



Anna
(10)



Danielle
(8)



Julia
(6)



Rachel
(4)



Sarah
(2)



Naomi
(2)



- **Anna:** has been practicing the piano, and enjoys studying the Jr. Bible Quiz question sets we got.
- **Danielle:** has lost two baby teeth this month
- **Julia:** likes to sell her artwork to people with the proceeds going towards us "moving to Arkansas!"
- **Rachel:** is getting so tall; she calls her twin sisters "sweeties"
- **Sarah & Naomi:** love doing the "running" fitness game on our family's new Wii; they both count like quarterbacks, "1, 2, 1, 2, 11, 14, 2!"

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church who want to see the marriages and relationships of their friends and family in their churches changed with God's truth.

Another great aspect of this event is that, since it's video driven, it can be held at a church multiple times a year, when it's most convenient for their church calendar. So, although right now, many churches are promoting to host an event the launch weekend, they most likely will continue to host The Art of Marriage in the months and years to come.

If you live in the Yakima Valley our church, Grandview Assembly, will be hosting it Feb. 11 & 12; registration is \$45 and includes breakfast on Saturday. We'd love for you to come join us. Contact us by Jan. 31st to register and for details.

Fighting for families,



Abraham & Deborah Lara

Spring Weekend to Remember Events in the Northwest:

March 11-13, 2011
Sunriver Resort - Bend, OR

April 15-17, 2011
Hilton - Bellevue, WA

April 1-3, 2011
Marriot Town Center - Redmond, WA

May 13-15, 2011
Red Lion Hotel - Pasco, WA

April 1-3, 2011
Valley River Inn - Eugene, OR

**To register call 800-FL-TODAY or go
online to <http://FamilyLife.com/Weekend>**