

# DalyFocus



*A timely word from Jim Daly, president of Focus on the Family*

## An audience of One

I believe the Lord is using the *Focus on the Family* broadcast to not only strengthen marriages and guide parents, but to also inspire His people to live lives that reflect His heart.

So even when we're talking about the challenges facing homes today, we're also looking at how we can better understand God's plan for our lives, *and* how we can grow in our desire to honor Him in every area of life . . . relationships, career, education and more.

I like what the great preacher D.L. Moody once said about the Bible. I believe it also applies to a ministry like ours. He said God didn't give us His Word to increase our knowledge. He gave it to us to change our lives.

Because this ministry is based on biblical truth, I think that's a worthy goal for 2012: go beyond educating, and move our friends to do great things in God's name.

Our audience is definitely changing and growing. Yet, in reality, it remains an audience of One.

We aim to provide a show that will please the Lord. But everyone else is welcome to listen in! We'd love to hear what the program means to you. Let us know by emailing [Help@FocusOnTheFamily.com](mailto:Help@FocusOnTheFamily.com).



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## You can reach families with inspirational and biblical wisdom!

Focus on the Family depends on your financial support to help keep our daily radio broadcast on the air, reaching families with the guidance and encouragement that help them thrive.

Your gift today will help bring to parents, couples and young people radio programming that helps them . . .

- **Build strong marriages that weather the tough times.**
- **Raise godly kids who remain strong in their faith.**
- **Grow closer in their most important relationships.**

Please consider giving today to keep Focus radio relevant, hopeful and impacting families for Christ.



*Your gift today will provide HOPE and BIBLICAL wisdom over the airwaves worldwide!*

## Family happenings

*Wait No More: Finding Families for Arizona's Waiting Kids*

Saturday, February 11, 2012

1 - 5 p.m.

Scottsdale Bible Church

7601 E. Shea Blvd.

Scottsdale, AZ 85260



*Biblical truth for today's family*

February 2012



# FAMILY FOCUS®

**BROADCAST YOUR FAITH**

## Listen up!

*Focus on the Family's radio program strengthens families and changes lives*

Most of the people who connect with Focus on the Family find us through our radio program. So many say that they were blessed by the program's practical wisdom on marriage, parenting and the Christian faith.

Over the years, the broadcast has featured guests from an incredible variety of backgrounds . . . family experts, well-known authors and even two U.S. presidents. No matter what the discussion, it strives to always be informative, inspirational and life-changing.

## 35 years and 2,000 stations later . . .

The daily Focus broadcast was launched in 1977 on a handful of stations by the ministry's

founder, psychologist and author Dr. James Dobson. But now, thanks to the great hunger for family ministry, we're heard on nearly 2,000 land-based radio outlets across the United States.

So it's no wonder a young man named Russ was able to tune in to broadcasts that transformed his life!

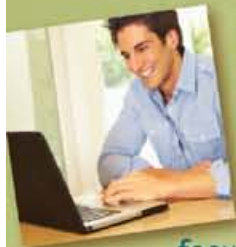
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No matter what  
your daily routine is like...

## Focus radio programming will fit your lifestyle

However you prefer to listen, Focus' home-strengthening radio programming is available in a way that will fit your schedule and your lifestyle. Here are three great ways to hear *Focus on the Family*:



### 1. Streaming online

Ever miss a program? Now you can listen to current or past shows right from your computer — at home or at work. Just go to

[focusonthefamily.com/radio](http://focusonthefamily.com/radio) and click on "listen now." Or use the broadcast calendar feature to find the day and program you want.



### 2. Podcast

Do you have an active lifestyle and prefer to listen on the go? Then try our podcasts. It's easy to hear recent programs or

subscribe daily so you never miss a show. To set up podcasts, visit us online at [focusonthefamily.com/radio](http://focusonthefamily.com/radio) and see "blogs + podcasts."



### 3. Mobile device

With our free mobile app, the daily broadcast is delivered directly to your iPhone®, iPad®, iPod Touch® or Android device. The app

provides easy access to the day's broadcast, or you can browse an archive of recent programs. For details, visit [focusonthefamily.com/mobile.aspx](http://focusonthefamily.com/mobile.aspx).

## Tune in: airwaves of HOPE

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Russ' parents divorced when he was just six years old. As with any child from a broken home, he was crushed. Then, as a high school senior, Russ lost his big brother in a college fraternity prank that went terribly wrong.

The tragedy of this second loss magnified his feelings of displacement. Finally, convinced that his dad had mismanaged his college trust fund by giving money to charitable organizations, Russ cut off communication with his father.

### A voice in the wilderness

Russ eventually took a job on an isolated ranch. After working hard, lonely days, he longed for the sound of a human voice. So he turned to his radio for comfort. The *only* station he could receive aired Focus on the Family.



"I grew to understand and love Focus' mission," Russ remembers. "God used the ministry as a springboard to rethink my relationship with my dad. I thought, 'If I was wrong about this, what else have I been wrong about?'"

### Forgiveness and new life

It was the beginning of a whole new life for Russ. As he sought God's will, he realized he needed to forgive.

Little did Russ know that his father had been praying for the same thing through the years they were estranged. "Thanks to God's use of the Focus ministry, I was able to enjoy a healthy and fulfilling relationship with Dad... In the years since, I have continued to feel the effects of my dad's prayers and I have thanked the Lord for changing my heart. Focus on the Family was a big part of that."

### With a little help from our friends

Our world has changed dramatically in the three decades since *Focus on the Family*® first aired. But families still face great hurdles. The good news is that partners like you who support the program are bringing families the wisdom and encouragement they need. ■



## WORLDVIEW TABLE TALK: *Part 4*

Five eternal truths your children need to know to live well

By Glenn T. Stanton, Director of Global Family Formation Studies

Here's the fourth installment in our five-part series called Worldview Table Talk, conversations around the dinner table that reinforce Christian faith and values. To see the first three installments, please visit [www.FocusOnTheFamily.com/Newsletter](http://www.FocusOnTheFamily.com/Newsletter) and click on the 2011 October, November and December issues.

### How it works:

Begin by reading the key Bible verses. Ask if anyone has any initial comments. Then read the eternal truth based on the verse. Next, go through the discussion points one by one.

Ask for reactions. Follow up with open-ended questions that deepen the exploration. Allow each family member to express their opinion.

Wrap up with prayer, asking God to help you live by His eternal truths. Keep it informal and fun, but don't lose this solemn mission: Christians are called to see, understand and interact with our world from a biblical perspective.

## ETERNAL TRUTH #4:

### The Fall Touches Us All

Key Bible verses: Romans 3:23 and 5:12

### Discussion points:

The Fall of man — our sinfulness — is confirmed not just in God's Word, but every day with the arrival of the morning paper. And even though our sins might not land us on the front page, the Fall is very real for every one of us.

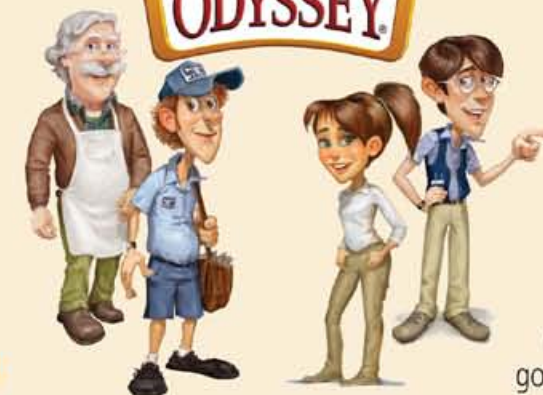
### Key Points:

1. All have sinned and fallen short of God's standard. No one is better than another.
2. Our sin separates us from God, who is ever holy and good.
3. Because of sin, our hearts cannot always be trusted.
4. People will try many different ways to bridge their separation from God.
5. But the separation can be closed in only one way: Trust in God's Son, Jesus Christ.

### Conclusion:

Our sin is a very real problem. But there is also a very real and trustworthy solution: Jesus.

## Adventures in Odyssey: 25 years of great stories, strong values and biblical truth



*Adventures in Odyssey*® has had such an impact on families over the years that we regularly hear from parents who grew up with the show — and are now introducing it to their own children. Julie from Illinois says, "Adventures in Odyssey was an instant hit for both my son and me, and he now listens to an episode every night before he goes to bed."

In 1987, *Focus on the Family* launched a unique audio drama series that would become one of the hallmarks of the ministry: *Adventures in Odyssey*. Twenty-five years and more than 700 shows later, the program continues to teach lasting truths and reinforce family values for children 8 to 12.

So whether you're just starting your adventures in the town of Odyssey, or working to complete your collection of episodes, they're all available to download at [WhitsEnd.org](http://WhitsEnd.org).

Ignite your kids' imaginations today and get them started with *Adventures in Odyssey*.