



Dear Friend:

Hello from everyone at Focus on the Family! With the end of 2020 in sight, it's my hope that you'll be able to slow down and relax with loved ones during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. As we wrap up an extremely eventful and turbulent year – not to mention an incredibly contentious election cycle – I pray these coming weeks will provide you with an opportunity to spend time with loved ones, enjoy family traditions, and reflect on the sure and eternal blessings we've been granted through Christ.

Amidst a global pandemic, social unrest, and a combative political climate, some folks may find it ironic that we're about to celebrate Thanksgiving. I submit to you, however, that during difficult seasons it's just as important to be intentional about giving thanks to the Lord. As Paul exhorts us in Philippians 4:6: "...do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication *with thanksgiving* let your requests be made known to God" (emphasis added). At a time when so many people here in the United States and across the globe are dealing with heightened anxiety and fear, the people of God are called to radiate His peace at all times.

That doesn't mean, of course, that we don't feel or express concern about current events, nor do we stick our heads in the sand in denial. It simply means that we are not consumed with worry. Rather, we submit our cares to our Creator, who loves us and never abdicates His throne even when the very foundations of the earth seem to shake.

### **FACE STRUGGLES WITH A HEART OF PRAISE**

Scripture, as you know, shows us the way to peace during tough times: as we praise God for His love, sovereignty, and divine wisdom, He fills us with the "peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7). Throughout the Psalms, we see the psalmists facing despair, loneliness, depression, and fear – but as they acknowledged the Lord and the blessings He bestows, they were able to end their songs on a note of joy and hope.

In other words, praise and thanksgiving lead to powerful, inexplicable peace. Reflecting on God's eternal character steadies our hearts amidst the inevitable storms of life.

The Bible has instructed us for millennia to "rejoice always" and "give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thessalonians 5:16,18), and studies carried out in recent years have revealed the wisdom of obeying that scriptural counsel. Among other benefits, focusing on our blessings improves our physical and psychological health, increases our empathy while reducing aggression, and helps us sleep better.<sup>1</sup> In this day and age, those facets of health and well-being seem to be in short supply among the general population!

To be sure, the most casual review of our daily headlines reveals that a little gratitude could go a long way toward restoring a measure of order and civility to our culture. I'm sure you've seen reports about skyrocketing rates of anxiety and depression – and many of us have watched in shock as online videos show complete strangers engaging in brawls over the most trivial of disagreements. Could it be that modern-day society is suffering from a dearth of simple gratitude?

The age-old adage to "count your blessings" may sound trite at times, but there is great wisdom

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/what-mentally-strong-people-dont-do/201504/7-scientifically-proven-benefits-gratitude#:~:text=Here%20are%207%20scientifically%20proven%20benefits%3A%201%20Gratitude,...%207%20Gratitude%20increases%20mental%20strength%20.%20>

in making a practice of expressing gratitude on a regular basis. And perhaps teaching the younger generation the value of giving thanks could be the most effective antidote to the “victim mentality” we so often lament in many of today’s young people – not to mention the anger and outrage that are front and center in the nightly news and across social media.

Down through the ages, the Church has always been called to be set apart from the world. No matter what the culture around us looks like, we have been tasked with reflecting Christ’s character to those who don’t yet know Him.

Imagine the impact we could have if we commit to conducting ourselves with a spirit of humility and thanksgiving for all God has done for us.

Sadly, today’s secular values are increasingly centered on the worship of self – and, to be sure, it can be discouraging to see unfolding around us the kind of godlessness described in 2 Timothy 3:1-5. Let’s never forget, however, that the Lord does not revoke the Great Commission simply because it feels intimidating to wade into a post-Christian culture. In fact, the current moral climate offers us an opportunity to showcase the stark contrast between living for the here and now and seeking to advance the everlasting kingdom of God. As we embody for others the peace, contentment, and joy that are ours in Christ, there’s no telling how the Lord will reveal Himself to those who find in themselves “a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy,”<sup>2</sup> as C.S. Lewis so aptly put it.

With all of this in mind, may we continue to be a people who lift our hearts and voices in worship to our Savior. May we give thanks often and sincerely, offering up a “sacrifice of praise” (Hebrews 13:15) as we point others to the life-saving, heart-transforming Gospel message. After all, I can think of no greater reason for gratitude than the salvation that was purchased for us on the cross.

Throughout all of the uncertainty, strife, and unrest that have marked 2020, the needs of families are greater than ever – and our team at Focus is laboring diligently to bring help and support wherever we can.

## **SAVING AND STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES**

Among our many reasons for giving thanks are the testimonies we regularly receive from couples and families who have been touched by our efforts. We are grateful when God uses the resources you provide—like our daily broadcast, Hope Restored marriage intensives and counseling resources—to rescue couples heading for divorce. I’d like to share with you just a couple of the stories and comments that have reached us in recent weeks:

*Back in 2015 our family went through a crisis and we thought our marriage would end in a divorce. During this whole time, we continued to listen to Adventures in Odyssey. It was good and helpful to have something to keep us together. Even though my husband wasn’t serving the Lord then, he would still listen to the programs with us and the stories often spoke to our hearts. We thank God we made it – and we’re still together! My husband came back to God and we’re privileged to pastor a small church. We thank Adventures in Odyssey for all they did to help us during this difficult time. – Rebekah, Indiana*

*Through Hope Restored, you helped our marriage after an infidelity. My husband is active duty and he moved to another state for work for a one-year period. Halfway into the separation he had a moment of losing faith. Then we found Hope Restored and we traveled to Branson, and it was the most wonderful and spiritually fulfilling experience of both of our lives. We said to each other that had we known we could have renewed our vows right then and there, we would have. The Focus broadcast has become my refuge for listening to experiences that are not scripted and that are*

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*real stories. We have our normal struggles, but we are stronger through God's love, and HIS strength in us as a couple has been renewed. Please share our story and let other couples know that hope and love are waiting to heal any and all pains! – Ms. I., North Carolina*

## **HELPING FAMILIES IN CRISIS**

Here are some other testimonies of how your support is making a difference for families who are struggling.

*My daughter needed residential treatment for an eating disorder and other associated mental health issues. She had seen countless therapists, all of which were secular. My husband and I strongly believed that God could no longer be left out of the equation by her treatment team, and so we called Focus on the Family. You helped us find a Christian facility that you previously vetted and could recommend. It gave us such peace of mind to have confirmation that this was a good direction. My daughter was saved and gave her life to Christ while in treatment and is now doing great. Thank you! – K., Florida*

*I want to say thank you for your reviews. Our family has been with you since my oldest children were young and the reviews were in a magazine (my children are now 24 and 22.) It makes me so happy when my grown son checks Plugged In before heading to the movie theater. Now we have an 8- and 7-year-old through adoption. It's much harder now to keep their minds pure in the midst of such corrupt entertainment. We don't watch anything without checking Plugged In. I am so thankful for your ministry! I can always trust that you will warn me about any inappropriate sexual content or language. I also really like that you've added the light, medium, and heavy cautions. That helps when we are in a hurry and need to make a quick decision. I also love the links you add to some reviews to spark discussions about movie content. I just wanted to say THANKYOU! We're so blessed by your ministry! – Jennifer, Tennessee*

Every time I see a story like the ones I've shared above, I'm filled with awe that the Lord has chosen to work so powerfully through our ministry to save marriages, offer wisdom and encouragement to parents, spare the lives of preborn babies, equip believers to engage in the public square, and so much more. This is certainly cause for rejoicing, and everyone here at Focus is so grateful for generous friends like you who have invested their hard-earned money in our outreach endeavors. Your support makes our work possible.

## **DOUBLE YOUR GIFT!**

After a tumultuous year like 2020, the work we do together is more critical than ever. Couples who have been hit hard by unemployment, financial stress and other challenges of the pandemic are at risk. We must come alongside them with resources to save and strengthen their marriages.

You can make a difference this holiday season for hurting couples by sharing the Gift of Hope. And now, through a \$XX Matching opportunity provided by generous friends of the ministry, your gift today will go TWICE AS FAR! You'll be able to DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT for marriages and families this holiday season and beyond.

## **A UNIQUE PAINTING FOR YOU . . .**

As a nonprofit, we couldn't reach out to couples and families without your generosity. Among the wonderful folks who help advance our efforts is Morgan Weistling, a talented artist with an inspiring testimony and a heart for Focus' mission.

With Christmas right around the corner, I'd like to make you aware of the beautiful painting Morgan has created especially for friends and supporters of our ministry. As you'll see in the enclosed insert, Morgan's painting is called "A Prayer for a New Life," and it features a young pioneer couple cradling their

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newborn baby inside a covered wagon. The simplicity of the scene – and the new parents' evident wonder as they gaze at their infant – powerfully captures the family-based values that undergird Focus' work. We are offering giclée prints of this masterpiece for a gift of \$150; simply visit our website for more information ([FocusOnTheFamily.com/MW20](http://FocusOnTheFamily.com/MW20)).

As you gather with loved ones on Thanksgiving, it's my hope that you will be filled to overflowing with gratitude for the many blessings God has bestowed on all of us who love and follow Him. National and global events of the past months have been difficult, to put it mildly, but we can take heart in the assurance that Jesus has overcome the world – and He promises to walk with us through any trials we face.

We, too, want to come alongside you in any way we're able. In addition to our various resources and online content, our team of professional counselors is available for one-time phone consults. These dedicated members of our staff have helped thousands of people navigate various struggles and crises, and they stand ready to assist you should you ever have that need. And, if there's any other particular way we can offer a helping hand, please don't hesitate to contact us at 1-800-A-FAMILY (232-6459).

I appreciate the opportunity each month to share some thoughts and provide you with an overview of all the Lord is doing through our ministry. It's my hope that you enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving celebration. May we all proclaim with the psalmist, "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" (Psalm 118:1)

Sincerely,



Jim Daly  
President

P.S. Please remember to share the Gift of Hope to help save marriages. And remember, your gift today will be DOUBLED through a \$XX Matching opportunity. We would be so grateful, especially given this challenging economic climate. Thank you!



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## Grateful for you this Thanksgiving

### Thank you for saving marriages and families!

How will you spend your Thanksgiving? Thanks to friends like you, many more couples and families will spend the holiday together, gathered around the table with their loved ones. In the past year, you've saved marriages from divorce and restored healing to families.

Meg's\* marriage is one of those you impacted. The couple was on the verge of ending it all.

Emotionally and physically spent, she says, "I couldn't get off the couch and we were in so much pain—we just wanted life to end." Meg learned about Focus on the Family's *Hope Restored*<sup>™</sup> marriage intensive program and called to get help.

"From the moment I called to the moment we left (*Hope Restored*), we felt loved, cared for, understood, and covered," she says. "Every single person treated us like we mattered and tended to our needs while we walked through painful therapy. When I got to *Hope Restored*, I hadn't really ever had hope to being with that my life could

ever be full of joy. I'm leaving with hope for the first time, not just for my marriage, but for myself. I encountered the love of God in a tangible way."

The marriage is the foundation of the family and families are critical to our communities. Thank you for saving marriages and families like Meg's through the resources you provide.

Your generous gifts are saving marriages on the brink of divorce through efforts like the *Hope Restored* program. Your generosity

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## Daly Focus

By Jim Daly, President

## Join me in counting blessings . . .

Even though 2020 has been a tough one for us all, we still have plenty to be grateful for. In fact, when you focus on giving thanks, you realize how blessed you are. Here are some of the ministry efforts you made possible that I'm extremely grateful for this year.

- **You shared the eternity changing message of Christ.** In 12 months, you helped more than 305,000 people make salvation decisions or re-dedications to Jesus Christ.
- **You saved marriages.** You helped save marriages on the brink of divorce through our *Hope Restored* marriage intensives.
- **You rescued mothers and babies from the pain of abortion** by supporting our *Option Ultrasound* program and efforts like See Life 2020, our online celebration of life in September. Since the *Option Ultrasound* program began in 2004, the number of babies saved is estimated to be more than 459,000.
- **You kept Christian radio on the air.** Nielsen indicates that more than 1 million people listen to the Focus on the Family® broadcast daily for encouragement and practical, Biblical guidelines.
- **You came alongside families with hope.** During the pandemic, your generosity allowed us to offer free resources to keep families engaged with each other, stay spiritually strong, and be uplifted. Your gifts provided resources like our *Focus@Home* live streaming service, our free trial of the *Adventures in Odyssey Club* membership, Facebook live events on marriage and parenting and more.

It is only through your generous support that we can rejoice in these exciting blessings. Thank you!

Jim

## Grateful for you this Thanksgiving *Continued from page 1*

helped us continue serving couples in our three locations in Branson, Missouri; Greenville, Michigan; and Rome, Georgia. You are also vital to our expansion efforts at our Georgia facility and plans for a fourth site in Southern California. Already friends like you have assisted over 144,000 married couples work to resolve a major marital crisis at some point during the past 12 months. And of those helped through the *Hope Restored* intensives, some 80% of the couples surveyed are still married two years after attending with significantly higher marital satisfaction!

The resources you provide like our daily broadcast, print and online materials, and counseling efforts helps couples strengthen their marriages.

Thank you for being a part of our ministry family. As a non-profit, the resources and programs of Focus on the Family wouldn't be possible without you.

When you give a generous gift of gratitude today, your support will go twice as far through a Matching opportunity. The Match is part of our Give the Gift of Hope campaign.

Your generous support will help Focus on the Family continue offering couples and families biblical resources to bring restoration and healing. Through the Match, every dollar you share will make twice the impact on couples who are struggling. That's something to be thankful for this holiday season! ■

*\*Name changed to protect person's identity.*

## LIFE UPDATE

# Grateful for this kid!

At Focus on the Family, we are grateful for friends and supporters like you who value life. Sawyer is one of those champions of life . . . and he's only 12.

Twelve-year-old Sawyer Hagberg made a visit to our Focus on the Family headquarters earlier this fall to share a special gift – over \$3,000 he had raised to save babies' lives.

Sawyer was playing a video game one day this past summer when a Focus on the Family video came on, a special spot we created to help call attention to our SEE LIFE 2020 online event a few months back. The video, called "Will I?" offers the view of a baby in the womb who wonders if she will enjoy different stages of life.

Sawyer was so inspired by what he saw that he began fundraising for Focus on the Family's *Option Ultrasound* program.

The *Option Ultrasound* program equips pregnancy medical clinics with ultrasound

machines, resources, and nurses' sonography to show moms the child growing inside of them. We are grateful to Sawyer and friends like you who took action this year to rescue babies from abortion. Learn more of Sawyer's story by watching this video.

[YouTube.com/ToSaveBabies20](https://www.youtube.com/ToSaveBabies20)



The LIFE UPDATE column features testimonies and the latest news on how your support is rescuing babies from abortion and saving moms from the pain and regret of abortion.



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DATE	TITLE	GUEST
11/2	Offering God's Love to Children without Families	Mr. Darren and Mrs. Stacey Gagnon
11/3	Building a Lifelong Relationship with Your Child	Mr. Mike Berry
11/4-11/5	Trusting God to Redeem Your Broken Marriage I & II	Mr. David and Mrs. Kirsten Samuel
11/6	Sharing God's Light Through Art	Mr. Morgan Weistling
11/9	Helping Your Teens Put Down Their Screens	Mr. Jonathan McKee and Miss Alyssa McKee
11/10	Forging a Partnership with Your Spouse in a Family Crisis	Mr. Evan and Mrs. Elisa Morgan
11/11	Softening a Crusty Heart	Lieutenant Colonel Don Coble
11/12	Embracing Grace, Fun and Family This Holiday Season	Mrs. Becky Kiser and Mrs. Jean Daly
11/13	Rising Above the Labels that Bind You	Mrs. Esther Allen Fleece
11/16	Bringing Laughter to Everyday Life	Mr. Tim Hawkins
11/17-18	Embracing Messy, Beautiful Forgiveness I & II	Mrs. Lysa TerKeurst
11/19-11/20	Practical Advice for Parenting Strong-Willed Children I & II	Mrs. Cynthia Tobias
11/23	Encouragement for the Single Life	Ms. Cheryl Martin
11/24	Living in Peace with People who Drive You Crazy	Dr. Mike Bechtle
11/25	Building Lasting Memories with Your Family	Mrs. Jessica Smartt
11/26	Celebrating the Miracle of Thanksgiving	Mr. Eric Metaxas
11/27	Showing Kindness and Generosity to Others	Mr. Jim Daly and Mr. John Fuller
11/30	Seeing Christmas through Women's Eyes	Mrs. Liz Curtis Higgs

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12/01	Helping Children Understand How They Feel	Dr. Josh and Mrs. Christi Straub
12/02	Holding onto the Hope of Heaven	Mr. John Burke and Mrs. Jean Daly
12/03-12/04	How to Have a Better Sex Life by Understanding Your Love Style I & II	Mr. Milan and Mrs. Kay Yerkovich
12/07	Championing Your Son Through His Battles	Mr. Jonathan McKee
12/08-12/09	Combating the Lies that can Destroy Your Marriage I & II	Dr. Greg Smalley and Dr. Bob Paul
12/10-12/11	Are Your Five Core Needs Being Met? I & II	Dr. Kathy Koch
12/14	Leading Others by Following Jesus	Mr. Willie Robertson
12/15-12/16	How God Redeemed My Teen Pregnancy I & II	Mrs. Lindsay Pepin Ophus, Mrs. Scarlet Pepin, and Mrs. Bethany Pepin
12/17-12/18	Discovering the Secrets of Lifelong Romance I & II	Dr. Kevin Leman and Mrs. Jean Daly
12/21	The Best Choices You Can Make for Your Marriage	Dr. Ron and Mrs. Jan Welch
12/22	Remembering the Hope of Heaven	Mr. John Burke and Mrs. Jean Daly
12/23	Parenting the Heart of Your Teen	Mrs. Connie Albers
12/24-12/25	It's a Pokenberry Christmas I & II	Adventures in Odyssey Drama
12/28	Kids You Gotta Love 'Em!	Mr. Kenn Kington
12/29-12/30	Discovering the Truth About My Identity I & II	Mr. Jackie Hill Perry
12/31	Getting Rid of Clutter in Your Home	Mrs. Kathi Lipp



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Feature Guest:  
**Morgan Weistling**



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Use the enclosed response card to mark your gift and print request or go to [FocusOnTheFamily.com/MW20](http://FocusOnTheFamily.com/MW20).

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Parenting Corner with Danny Huerta



## Advent is a great tradition during the holidays!

Danny Huerta is Focus on the Family's Vice President of the Parenting and Youth department

We want to help you instill thankfulness in your children throughout the holidays! One way you can do that is to observe Advent.

Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. The Advent season focuses on a different theme each

week in anticipation of Jesus' birth—hope for the Savior, preparation for his coming, celebration of the Messiah's arrival and God's peace and love. When you commemorate Advent through regular Bible studies, an Advent Calendar or Advent Wreath, you can keep an attitude of gratitude in your marriage and teach valuable lessons to the children you love.

To help you observe this holy season with your children, we've put together an Advent Calendar that you can **DOWNLOAD FOR FREE!**

**Celebrate the Christmas season with this colorful advent calendar. Download it for free at [FocusOnTheFamily.com/Advent](http://FocusOnTheFamily.com/Advent). You'll also find lots of activities and other ways to keep the holidays focused on Christ. ■**



## DOUBLE YOUR GIFT!

### Share the *Gift of Hope* to save marriages and families!

Give thanks for the blessings in your marriage and family this season by sharing the *Gift of Hope* through your support of Focus on the Family.

Your gift will help save marriages on the brink of divorce, equip parents to raise children bold in faith, rescue babies from abortion, reach families in crisis, help waiting children in foster care and more.

"Focus will always be my go-to no matter what I need in life," says Tammy of Tennessee. "When I've needed extra guidance, I've always come to Focus on the Family. Just saying 'thank you' seems so inadequate."

We need your help to finish out the year strong and be ready to share Christ's peace, grace and joy with more hurting families in the year ahead.

And now, through a \$3 Million Matching opportunity provided by

generous friends of the ministry, your gift today will go **TWICE AS FAR!** You'll be able to **DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT** for marriages and families this holiday season if you send in your support now.

Please help share the *Gift of Hope* with struggling couples and families by giving generously today! When you give to support our daily broadcasts, print and online articles and counseling resources, you are sharing the *Gift of Hope*.

To celebrate our work together this holiday season, with your ministry gift of \$150 or more, you'll

get a copy of the *A Prayer for a New Life* special edition giclée print hand signed by the artist Morgan Weistling.

**As God leads you, please use the enclosed reply form and envelope to return your generous gift. ■**

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This resource will help your spouse and your children keep Christ in the Christmas season!

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***A Prayer for a New Life* reveals a powerful scene of a pioneer family welcoming a newborn child in the back of a covered wagon. The father is saying a prayer over his new child and family, trusting God to protect them along the dangerous journey in the dangerous pioneer west.**

**T**his unique scene offers a window into the power of prayer and fragile beauty of life!

Add this special edition giclee print to your current art collection or start one. This unique timeless print makes a great addition for your home this holiday season and all year as a reminder of the power of prayer and value of life. Use it as a conversation starter with your children and grandchildren. And it's the perfect gift for those you love!

## *About the artist*

From the time Morgan Weistling was a child, there was never any doubt about his future. His parents met at art school and he was drawing from the time he was 2 years old. Art was in his blood. Weistling began his professional art career at age 19 and became a much-sought-after movie poster illustrator.

One day, sitting in the church pew, Weistling heard something that made him rethink his purpose. Weistling said he felt like he had been wasting his time and the talent the Creator gave him. He says, "When they had an altar call, it was like a deeply felt response to 'I need to give my life to God now, my art to God and let him use my talents.' I responded to the altar call. I received Christ. It meant . . . I'm surrendering."

The very next day someone from Focus on the Family called. The ministry was looking for someone to illustrate. This was my new beginning filled with purpose.

Weistling began using his gift to illustrate for numerous faith-based companies. He also began painting images of Christ and the life of Christ. From there, his fine art pieces began featuring wholesome paintings of frontier life and families.

**You can receive your copy with your gift of \$150 or more to support the ministry. You can also get this unique piece with your pledge of \$10 or more a month to become a *Friends of Focus on the Family* member. Weistling says he is thrilled to be a part of supporting the sanctity of life.**

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*Artist,  
Morgan Weistling*



**"I began combining my thoughts about faith, family and God into these paintings," he says. "Every painting I do, I pray God helps me."**

Through the years, Weistling became more familiar with the ministry of Focus on the Family. With a wife and children of his own, he realized the power of instilling faith and biblical values in the marriage and family. That is why Weistling created *A Prayer for a New Life*—a special edition giclée print for Focus on the Family supporters like you.

**"This scene of the father praying over his new child reveals the fragility and sanctity of human life, the positive role of the father, and the spiritual element of dependence upon our God," Weistling says.**