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A Father is to face life WITH COURAGE.

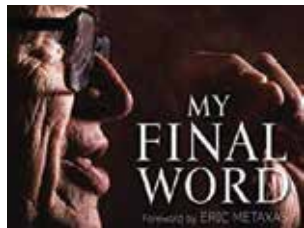
A photograph of a man from behind, wearing a blue plaid shirt, holding a young child in his arms. The child is laughing joyfully. They are standing in a field with a warm, golden sunset or sunrise in the background, creating a soft, hazy atmosphere.

He is to believe certain truths and take a stand on them.
He is called to fulfill certain responsibilities
and to carry them out
no matter what kind of opposition he faces.
He is to do what Scripture says is right,
even though it means paying a price.
He is to make the hard decisions
that need to be made rather than drift aimlessly
in whatever direction today's culture will take him.
These are the things that make a man a man.
And they make him the kind of father
his children need so they can grow up
"in the discipline and instruction of the Lord"
(Ephesians 6:4).

—JOHN MACARTHUR

did you know?

The board of Life Issues Institute has recently named **Brad Mattes** as President (formerly serving as Executive Director). Congratulations, Brad ... and well-deserved!



My Final Word is the last published work from **Chuck Colson**, being released this summer. Though three years since his death, Chuck's words continue to challenge believers to think critically about today's issues.

Looking ahead? Put June 25-July 2 of 2016 on the calendar to enjoy a just-announced Alaskan cruise with **Max Lucado** and Steven Curtis Chapman.



Mission Mongolia is a **Reach Beyond** goal to reach the country where only 1.2% know Christ. The vision is to increase from the existing six Christian stations to 21—one for each of the country's provinces.

The Drop Box was one of five nominees for the Film/TV Impact award from K-LOVE. The DVD of the film from **Focus on the Family** will be released in July.



who knew?

Here are more responses from our "Tell Us a Random Fact About Yourself" file—thought you'd want to know too!

- > "I've been in broadcasting at Northwestern Media for over 38 years—and never started drinking coffee!"
— Neil Stavem
- > "We have a very active performing arts department and a biblical counseling department with groups that meet in three states!"
— Rick Snavelly (Family Life Radio/Bath NY)

And ... can you name the co-host who got his start in Tyler TX (KVNE/KGLY) before landing the on-air assignment with a nationally-syndicated broadcast?



Minutiae...

As always, there's a lot going on at Amb-OS, including a bargain lovers' sale of new AMR-100 receivers. Here is a special offer if you ever thought about having a backup AMR-100. Amb-OS is releasing 50 units for purchase for only \$595. Through our distribution partner, you can pick up a new AMR-100 for just \$595. I love having a backup plan...so if you're like me, browse to SatcomResources.com and search for Amb-OS. When you purchase a new unit, we'll ship it configured as a clone to your existing receiver.



Remember, too, that we now have a solid state drive replacement for the hard drive in your AMR-100. If you're interested, contact Westport Solutions (new company name) at 706-782-5715. Let them know you're looking for the AMR-100 Compact Flash replacement drive, part number AMR100 HD2CF Kit.

Now the Good Stuff: New Broadcast Partners

In another delightful and providential circle of life, we're delighted to be carrying a number of features from **Steve Brown** and **Key Life Ministries** on Amb-OS:

- *Key Life Daily* (13:30 + 1:00 daily promo)
- *Steve Brown Etc.* (52:50 weekly)
- *You Think About That* (1:00 Daily)



Steve's inimitable and mellifluous style always delivers provocative teaching, boldly proclaiming God's radical grace to sinners. Come to our permission portal and request Key Life programs. They will change the way you think about being a Christian.

Ron Hutchcraft is also new to our Amb-OS family with his program **A Word With You**. Ron's life goal has been to share the gospel in a clear and powerful way. This 4:30 daily program does just that through Ron's stories and biblical insights. "Spiritual rescue" is the goal, life transformation is the outcome. You'll see *A Word With You* listed on our permission portal (<http://www.amb-os.com/permissions>).



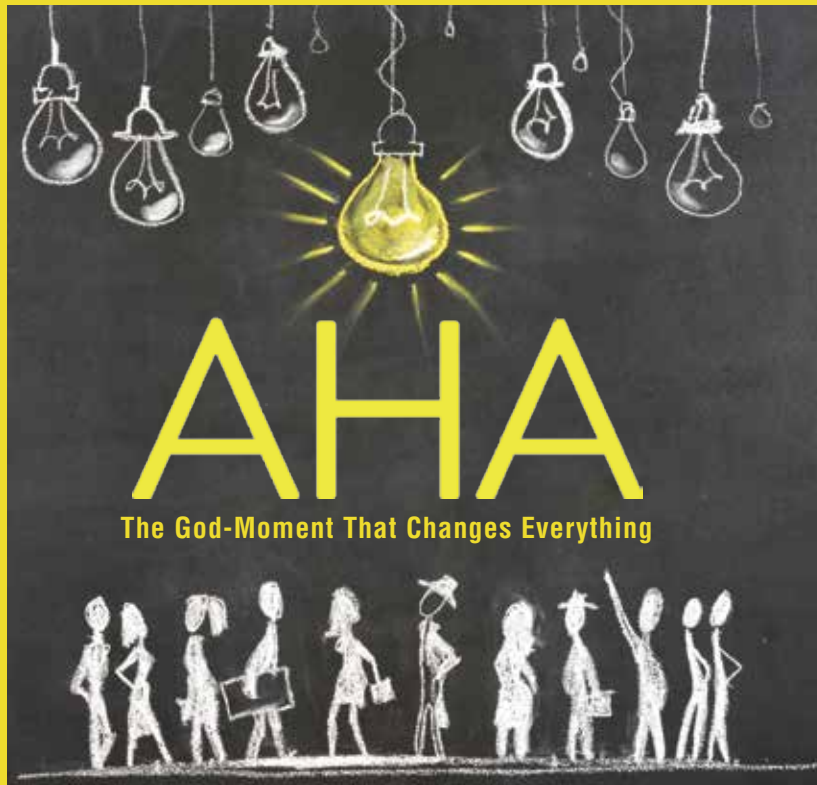
Holding All Things Together (26:00) is a fast-paced, weekly broadcast that tackles important issues, both in the world and in the church. Dan Elmendorf and Cal Carter are program hosts as they bring a team of news items, features and interviews designed to inform, edify and encourage the body of Christ. For more information on *Holding All Things Together*, please contact Dan Elmendorf at dce@redeemerbroadcasting.org or call 845-389-4436.

light reading

We promise publication to anyone submitting a photo that includes UPDATE—so, thank you, Megan Mefferd, for carefully reading your dad's company's publication!



father's day



Kyle Idleman

Celebrating Father's Day – June 21

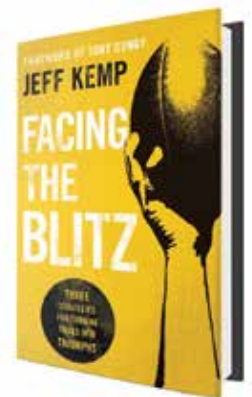
"AHA! The God-Moment That Changes Everything"—In this new 25:00 Father's Day special, Kyle Idleman (popular speaker and author of best-selling *Not a Fan*) uniquely encourages dads facing challenging situations with the truth that God can restore every relationship—whether rebellious child or our own with our heavenly Father. Companion 1:00 spots (15) feature moments that bring lasting transformation. Contact Selah@ambaa.com for confirmation of release, and promotional resources.

new name . . .

... but it's the same enthusiastic message from Barry Meguiar about sharing Christ in everyday settings. Launched a year ago as "ROTW:60," the 1:00 feature will now carry the title ***"Ignite with Barry Meguiar"***—illustrative of his core passion to see every believer ignited in a commitment to tell others about Jesus (and fitting for the popular "car guy"!). Whether it's the shopping clerk or your child's teacher, Barry's encouraging "conversation starters" help listeners understand how easily a dialog about faith can transpire. All it takes is a willingness to take that step. For more on "Ignite" or to hear an audition, contact Selah@ambaa.com.



new book



Facing the Blitz: Three Strategies for Turning Trials into Triumphs is new from **Jeff Kemp**—currently VP and HomeBuilder Catalyst at **FamilyLife**. His title, however, is indicative of the decade Jeff spent in the NFL (where his dad, Jack Kemp, also quarterbacked). With encouragement for facing those things that might put us "flat on our backs" in life, each chapter concludes with questions for assessment and application.

ALL IN A DAY'S



IN & OUT OF THE STUDIO

TOP ROW (L-R): Taking a break from a recording session of “Joni and Friends” and “Diamonds in the Dust” is Joni and Ken Tada, Rainey Floreen, Tatiana Barrera with Jim. Charles Morris remains “on the move”—here with Paul Delury of KWIL. John Fuller of Focus on the Family was “home” to Texas, and a visit at KCBI (pictured: Jeff Taylor, Sharon Geiger, John Fuller, Matt Austin, Rebecca Ashbrook Carrell). BOTTOM ROW (L-R): Photos prove that Jim Daly has been on the road. Pictured in Philadelphia, Jim speaking at WFIL’s annual Pastor Appreciation event; John with the WFIL team—GM Russ Whitnah and PD Mark Daniels.



DRIVE BY GREETINGS

TOP ROW (L-R): John Stonestreet and daughters stopped in when speaking locally—we think Abigail, Anna and Allison belong in that Vette, Evelyn! Meantime, it was a joy to welcome Richard McIntosh back to the AAA offices—our prayers continue as he undergoes treatment for cancer. Another longtime friend, Dave Armstrong, was by to share his new project with CRNJohn316.com. BOTTOM ROW (L-R): Jennifer hit the road to Tucson and a stop at FLR—great to visit with Adam Biddell and Joel Davis. Here from her new post as GM at WRMB-Boynton Beach was Dolores King-St. George. And ... not least whatsoever though last—Tammy Shannon from Times Square Church on safari in Kenya where part of her heart rests with an orphanage she supports.

WORK.

A look at where we've been, where *you've* been, and the good times we've had together.



MEETING OF THE MINDS

TOP ROW (L-R): Jim & Charley hit the road to spend time with the great team from the White Horse Inn (pictured: Shane Rosenthal, Jim Sanders, Michael Horton, Eric Landry, Charley Mefferd, Mark Green, Michele Tedrick). Meantime, Collin Lambert (Moody Radio) was in SoCal briefly—thanks for making us a stop! BOTTOM ROW (L-R): Also in Irvine—Chris Gould (Salem Communications) and Dale Hendry (GM-KPRZ/San Diego) meet with Michelle and Katie. Working on our new website—should be good!—with the David Riley team.



LOCAL HOT SPOTS (L-R): Charles Morris with KWVE's Crew (Robert Baltodano, Assistant PD and GM Lance Emma); igniting our passion for evangelism with Barry Meguiar, Leslie Kennedy, Katie Kennedy and Mike Kennedy; two old friends enjoying serendipitous fellowship at Ambassador—Charles Morris with former AAA AE John Williamson.



WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS, TEXAS, FIJI...GETS REPORTED HERE (L-R): That's the TECH people at NAB—just after a great mealtime together Sam Trefren (Focus on the Family), Dick Becvar (Amb-OS), Greg Hurt (Microspace), John Bimrose (Microspace), Ken Van Prooyen (Amb-OS), Jerry Handlon (Focus on the Family), Steve Reinke (Focus on the Family), and in the front—Jim and Charley; always a joy for Jim to be recording with Don Stephens ("The Mercy Minute") and Mercy Ships' Nancy Predaina; John Sorensen ("Share Life Today") was off to Fiji to train others in Evangelism Explosion.

GET TO KNOW DENNIS RAINEY



His wisdom on marriage and parenting is shared with thousands of listeners each day on *FamilyLife Today* ... but here's an inside glimpse at what makes Dennis Rainey's heart beat faster when it comes to family and faith.

When you headed to college, what did you think might be your career path?

Honestly, I was clueless. Spiritually lost and without direction. I don't know that I ever had a conscious thought of what I'd do after college. My dad had a career in mind for me, however, he wanted me to be a lawyer. Jesus Christ gave me eternal life and a mission worth my life.

What's been the hardest aspect of leading a ministry that has flourished as FamilyLife has—presuming you never imagined what would transpire in the early days.

Trusting God for people and money. I've said many times, that if I didn't have to deal with people issues and money, the ministry would be fantastic! LOL...actually most of my growth has occurred as a result of learning how to trust God with finding the right people, personnel issues, and finances.

You've interviewed many guests for the broadcast—anybody who “stopped you in your tracks” with their story?

Coach John Wooden—we didn't talk about basketball, but his dad and family that he grew up in. Also, Dr. Jerry Sittser—his wife of 20 years, 4 year old daughter, and mother were all killed in a car wreck. His story and book, “A Grace Disguised,” overhauled my view of “loss.”

There were probably many but can you name someone who filled the role of spiritual mentor in your life?

In addition to my dad, three men: H.D. McCarty, Bill Bright, Howard Hendricks.

You have a large family—how do you make sure you “tend” your grown children and now 21 grandchildren given the size of the tribe?

Over the past dozen years none of our 6 children have lived near us but live in four states. They fled the penitentiary. As a result, I don't feel like we've done a great job with all of them.

However, last summer we took a 1600 mile road trip to the Creation Museum with five of the oldest grandkids. It was a truly great experience...teaching them about a biblical worldview, experiencing the museum, going on a world class ZIP LINE with them, Graeters Ice Cream, and seeing the spot where the ARK Museum will be built.

Besides having a strong personal relationship with Christ, are there any attributes that you'll encourage your grandchildren to seek in their future spouse?

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE

“ Praise the Lord!
Blessed is the man who fears
the Lord, who greatly delights in
his commandments!
His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the
upright will be blessed.
Psalm 112:1-2 ”

Teachability...it's the opposite of pride and at the core of humility. Knowing how to resolve conflict (how to ask for forgiveness and grant forgiveness)...42 years into marriage with Barbara I've never outgrown my need to admit I am wrong and ask for forgiveness.

A Great Commission mindset...I cannot imagine doing life and being on two different missions. It doesn't mean that you have to be doing the same thing, you just have to agree that you both are going to be a part of the Great Commission.

What “one thing” do you hope you've instilled in your sons as they now are

dads as well? To be intentional. To pass on the truth of God and their experience of God, a dad must deliberately keep modeling, instructing, and infecting their children with a love for Christ on a daily basis...intentionally.

You have a very demanding schedule with FamilyLife. What gives you the most “uplift” when you need refreshment? A 3 or 4 day getaway with Barbara. Fishing in Alaska. Hunting... Arkansas, South Dakota, Montana... life giving.

What characteristic did you most admire in your own dad? #1. He was NOT a victim. When he was 13 or 14 years old his father deserted and divorced dad's mom, dad, and his other 8 brothers and sisters. In those days it was a matter of survival for a family. Dad helped provide for his mom and family in the years that followed. I never heard a negative word from my dad about his dad. Instead, he became a great father, not perfect, but a remarkable dad to me.

#2 He honored his mother. He used to go visit his mom after dinner on a regular basis. He modeled the 5th Commandment. She lived to be 101.

#3 His life defined the word “integrity.” He lived his entire life within 3 miles of the log cabin where he was born. At his funeral one man commented, “I never heard a negative word about ‘Hook Rainey.’” (They called him ‘Hook’ because he had a wicked curve ball...the ONLY thing about him that was wicked!)

What's the biggest fish you've caught? 350 lb White Sturgeon on the Columbia River.

You've travelled the country—and the world—quite a bit. What's left that's on your personal “bucket list” to visit? Barbara and I would like to do the Fjords in Norway and tour the Scandinavian countries...where her family is from.

What always makes you laugh? When Barbara laughs...I ALWAYS LAUGH!!!!
2nd place? When my daughter, Rebecca Jean Joy Susie Q Rainey Mutz, laughs... her giggle box ALWAYS invites others to join her!

question of the month

Sometimes the best advice isn't what's said—it's what's modeled. My father was absent for most of my life. When I was 26 years old, he apologized for missing out on most of my life. His apology healed many years of hurt, pain and brokenness. So, to answer the question: Healing can be experienced on the other side of an apology.



Joey Krol
WLJL
(Springfield IL)

The best advice (there was a lot of great advice) my father, a pastor, gave me was, "Do not ask God, 'why'. Ask God, 'to what purpose?'"



Heather Lloyd
Salem Media Group
(San Diego)

The best advice I received from my Dad was to "save for the future". He was a great example of planning for the future by saving and investing. He always had great advice when it came to finances.



Lee Michaels
Salem Media Group
(Twin Cities)

The best advice, and it sounds so very cliché, but is so very true: Be honest. Treat people fairly. Do the job right the first time. Work hard. Love Jesus.

Loann McGee
Focus on the Family

What stands out to me the most was how he showed Christ's love and kept after me during my many wandering years...always left the door open for me to come back.

Peter Benson
KNKT
(Albuquerque NM)

What's the best advice your dad ever gave you?

"I used to believe my father about everything ... but then I had children myself and now I see how much stuff you make up just to keep yourself from going crazy."

—**Brian Andreas** ("Story People")

My dad would always say "Be careful about showing others that you're good at doing something, because you just may be stuck doing it."



Robert Taylor
The Bridge

"A man with an experience is never at the mercy of a man with an argument." My father believed that only a deep experience with God qualified one to advise others on matters of faith, and he spoke and practiced this statement in his life. It wasn't until decades later and the coming of Google searches that he and I discovered that the original author of that statement was none other than Leonard Ravenhill. My father had heard it referenced, but never knew that it was in a book.

—**Michael Carbone**
Truth Network

Dad said, "Do the routine maintenance on your equipment and it will last a long time." At the time, he was working on our corn planter for the farm but the logic has applied to my cars over the years.



Ross McCampbell
WBCL
(Fort Wayne IN)

The best advice my father ever gave me was no advice at all – he simply led by example.

—**Wally Howerton**, WXTH (Richwood WV)

One very cold Upstate New York winter, I wrote a very desperate letter to my dad crying out for his help. I was not a Christian at the time and did not know what to do but to ask my dad. When he received the letter he left his very busy law practice in Long Island, NY and drove the four plus hours to spend a few days with me. We ran, talked, visited places he knew, as the college was his alma mater. He told me it was never as bad as I perceived and that to never give up, which is easy for a savvy, criminal defense attorney with Marine Corp training. But more than what he said, it was his taking time to dedicate to me; his undivided attention and compassion that, even now, 30+ years later, still moves me and motivates me.



John Bracken
WRDJ
(Merritt Island FL)

coming up >>>



JUNE 11
Speaking to over 1100 Teaching Leaders of Bible Study Fellowship, **Anne Graham Lotz** will be at the Revelation Institute (San Antonio).

JUNE 11

Professor Robert P. George is honored as this year's recipient of the **Colson Center's Wilberforce Award** at the annual event in Washington DC.

JUNE 14-17

Held at Skyline Church, **Jim Garlow** hosts a significant gathering under the umbrella title "Future Conference: What You Thought Was Coming ... Is Here Now." Speakers include **Jim Liske** (President/CEO of Prison Fellowship), Bishop Harry Jackson, Tony Perkins, Star Parker and others.

JUNE 21

For Father's Day, **Barry Meguiar** ("Ignite") will be speaking at Bonita Valley Community Church (Bonita CA).

JUNE 26-JULY 3

In Cork, Ireland, **Carter Conlon** ("It's Time to Pray") and others from Times Square Church (NYC) will be participating at the Summer Fire Conference.

JULY 6-8

Ministering in Central America, **Elizabeth George** and husband, Jim, will both be participating at events sponsored by the Spanish Booksellers Convention and CLC Publications in Panama City.

JULY 13-15

Jim and Rosemary Garlow will be at the Christians United for Israel event in Washington DC.

JULY 13-24

John Sorensen ("Share Life Today") returns to Fiji for EE's Intern Leadership Training [see pix page 4 for more on Fiji].

JULY 15-17

Also on the international road, **John Stonestreet** travels to the Australian Gold Coast for the ACS Leader's Retreat.



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While we experience His providence daily, there are some occasions which extraordinarily deepen our wonderment at His generous grace. That's the sense in our hearts at the announcement of the engagement of Nancy Leigh DeMoss and Robert Wolgemuth.

These two choice servants of God have known each other many years—as many of you know them personally as well. What a joy to watch the Lord bring them together in what will undoubtedly be a wonderful new season of shared impactful ministry for them as a couple.

God's best, Nancy and Robert! We love you!

You can read more about the unfolding story for Nancy and Robert at reviveourhearts.com.

*Rejoicing with
those who rejoice*