

NEW HOSTS

*Dave & Ann
Wilson*

FamilyLife Today

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If you were in Anaheim for NRB this year, hopefully you met Dave & Ann Wilson personally. But for those not able to attend, here's an "up close and personal" on the couple who now join Bob Lepine every day on *FamilyLife Today*.

Now that your voices are heard daily on the radio ☺ ... what's been the biggest impact in your lives, joining Bob Lepine each day on the broadcast?

First of all we must acknowledge just how awesome Bob is. He is the consummate pro at what he does with radio and we are so privileged and humbled to be working with him. We feel honored every time we sit in the FamilyLife studio beside Bob. And he is genuinely funny too!

We are learning a ton and growing in our walks with Jesus. We have been blown away by how incredibly great our radio guests have been and we leave the studio each day encouraged in our personal faith and motivated to go make an impact for Jesus wherever He sends us.

Any initial surprises now that you've got a couple months in the studio under your belts?

One huge surprise for us is how inspired we are after each broadcast. It is a lot of work, but instead of being exhausted, we are encouraged by the lives and message of those that we are interviewing.

You've been very transparent about

your journey (almost 40 years) as husband and wife. Can you sum up your best advice for a strong marriage?

The best advice that we have received actually came from FamilyLife at their Weekend to Remember marriage conference that we attended just 2 weeks before our wedding day... "put Jesus first." We now call that "Go Vertical" in our "Vertical Marriage" book. We have discovered that it's very easy to try and find happiness on this planet from your spouse and we end up unfulfilled at some point. Only Jesus can truly give us real life. When we go to Him as our source of joy and life, we then come back to our marriage filled up to give rather than take from our spouse.

Do you have a "life verse" or Scripture that is significant to you?

Dave: Proverbs 3:5-6
Ann: Romans 12:1-2

Other than your own book, *Vertical Marriage* ☺, what's on the "nightstand" for reading currently?

Dave: *Sports Illustrated*, *Everybody Always*
Ann: *One Year Bible*, *Chase The Lion*

You've raised three sons, all married—and now [FOUR?] grandchildren as well. What's the best part of this season of your lives?

We absolutely love hanging with our grandkids. We have one that lives near us and three in Colorado. We also enjoy

being empty nesters as it gives us some time to write and work on ways to help marriages and families. Starting to write our next book this summer.

You are also deeply involved in the local church, continuing to serve pastorally at Kensington Church. How does that role influence how you approach the hosting assignment for FamilyLife?

Being a part of leading a church keeps us in touch daily with real people and real life. When we sit in the studio we have those folks in our minds as listeners who are looking for hope and help for their families.

With lives as busy as you lead, what is your favorite way to refresh your spirits?

We date weekly and love going to movies. In fact many of our friends now text us for our movie ratings because they know we have probably already seen the movie they are considering. We also have become avid Pickleball players (as well as tennis).

How about telling us ... when we visit your longtime hometown, Detroit, what should be on our itinerary? ☺

Buddy's Detroit-style Pizza
Kensington Church!
Detroit Lions game

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