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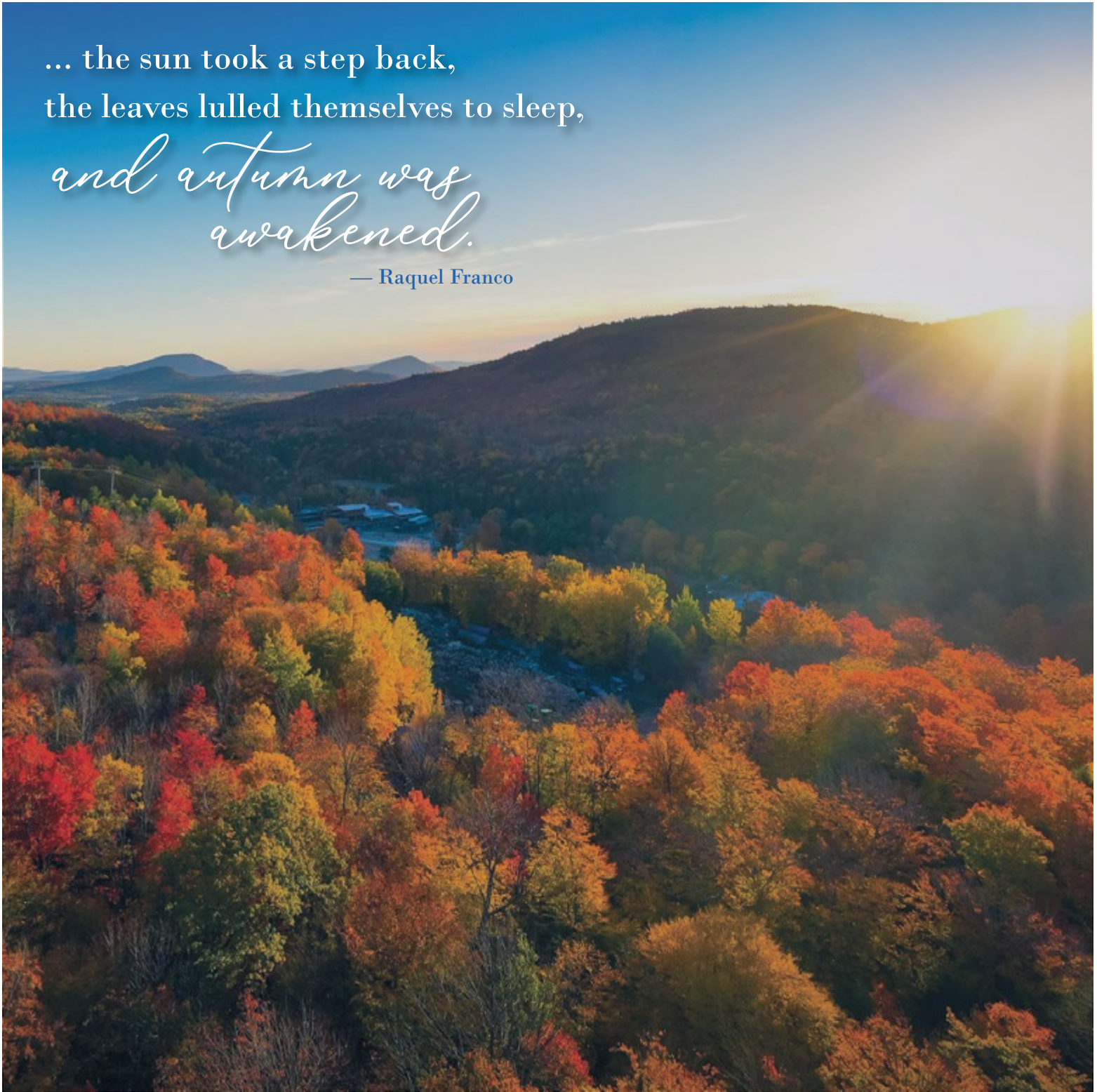
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UPDATE

... the sun took a step back,  
the leaves lulled themselves to sleep,

*and autumn was  
awakened.*

— Raquel Franco



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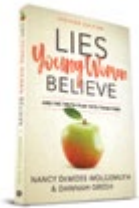
## DID YOU KNOW?



From **Adriel Sanchez** (Core Christianity) and in the series of resources

designed for group Bible study, *Hebrews* is now available (a leader's guide as well). Email [Charley@ambaa.com](mailto:Charley@ambaa.com) to sample the series.

Be encouraged again by **Max Lucado** as he recounts some of the timeless stories of Scripture in his publication, "They Walked with God: 40 Bible Characters Who Inspire Us."



What began as one heartfelt book has expanded into a series of five publications that remind us that God's truth is more

powerful than the enemy's lies—and it sets us free! From **Revive Our Hearts**, the array of books includes the original *Lies Women Believe*, as well as *Lies Young Women Believe*, *Lies Girls Believe*, *A Mom's Guide to Lies Girls Believe* and *Lies Men Believe*.

Please forgive us, **Boyd Gafford**! We made an error in last month's Update and apologize for that as you are such an important part of the Amb-OS team!



## A WORD TO THE WISE

Recently we fielded a call with a station's operations technician who had called our support hotline for help. The station had recently been permissioned for a new program and since the technician was a relatively new hire from another industry, he wasn't familiar with the Amb-OS system. He explained that the person who had previously managed such work hadn't left back-ups or much information other than the original configuration (several years old).



Although the details of support calls vary widely, this issue is a common one. Since the UI/AMR system consistently runs 24/7 without much, if any, troubleshooting needed, over the course of time, personnel tend not to remember programming details. **So here's**

**something to remember.** When that happens, referring to the manuals, training videos, and other info on our support webpage at [amb-os.com/support](http://amb-os.com/support) can be helpful. Of course, we're also happy to chat individually via email to [support@amb-os.com](mailto:support@amb-os.com) or by phone to **1-877-AMBOS2U**.

Just so you know ... we do have running UIs report in with key backups from your individual installation every week on Friday evening. If you don't have a local copy and need a recent backup of your UI's renames, playlist, or other important information, contact us. **We probably can help — and happy to do so!**

## WELCOME TO A NEW PROGRAM ON AMB-OS!



Have you ever wanted to help the grandparents in your audience have a greater spiritual impact on their families? Now you can with the **new daily 1-minute feature from the Legacy Coalition**. Believing that the Christian grandparent is in a unique position of influence and can impact their family for the sake of eternity, Legacy Coalition provides the much-needed encouragement to pursue just that.



To request permission to air Legacy Coalition, visit our permissions portal at [amb-os.com/permissions](http://amb-os.com/permissions) and choose the following program: *LEGC – Legacy Coalition (M-F, 1:00)*. For more information or to hear sample programs, please email [info@rkmedia.com](mailto:info@rkmedia.com)

# It's Golden!

They've spent a lifetime helping couples develop godly marriages and families so it seems most appropriate to salute **Dennis & Barbara Rainey** as they celebrate **50 years of marriage** this month (September 2).

In 1976, FamilyLife was founded as an outgrowth of the couple's involvement with Cru, finding that Christian husbands and wives weren't impervious to the challenges of life. As that effort grew into a significant "weekend getaway" marriage event, ultimately radio became a key component of the ministry with Dennis (with Bob Lepine) hosting "FamilyLife Today" for more than 25 years (Barbara was often a guest as well).

Today, their ministry continues in multiple dimensions, most recently completing Our Story ... a keepsake they created originally for the Rainey tribe that will be made available to friends of the ministry as well.

We're SO grateful for our friendship with Dennis & Barbara that continues ... and just couldn't miss out on sending our very best wishes on this remarkable milestone! **Congratulations, Dennis & Barbara!**



**THIS  
MONTH**

If you'd like to send Dennis & Barbara your own best wishes, go to [www.everthinehome.com/50feedback/](http://www.everthinehome.com/50feedback/)

## Also in September

### Back to School Tool Kit

For kids and parents, it can be a time of year that's filled with both high expectation—as well as high anxiety. Equip your listeners with reminders that will help encourage families as children head back to school for Fall '22. There are audio, print and social assets for your use in whatever way you wish—all available to use at your discretion!



### National Day of Service & Remembrance (September 11)

For most of us, memories remain vivid of that day that changed the course of history. In whatever way you make recognition of that legacy, we invite you to ask for a copy of the commemorative poster Ambassador created after the events of 9/11. Contact [peg@ambaa.com](mailto:peg@ambaa.com) for a small edition or large poster size.

### Celebrating Grandparents Day (September 11)

We've got all the resources you might want in our station tool kit for this holiday—and every other one! Visit our website and use the navigation for Stations / Resources / Tool Kits to find that material. (You'll find a number of other options as well!) Something you don't see available? Let us know—we'd love to work on that!



### Hooray for Grandparents, Indeed

And just because he's a good friend in ministry, we're happy to mention a timely new volume from prolific author **Jay Payleitner** titled "Hooray for Grandparents, Indeed!: Ideas for Keeping Close, Building Traditions and Creating Lasting Memories." Granddad of eight, Jay's creative ideas are right on target.

# OUT AND ABOUT



A



B

**A)** Mark (Heartfelt Radio/WJKA in Ohio) & Elaine Channon spent a week in the Adirondacks and took some good reading along! They also enjoyed hearing Crawford Loritts speak while at Word of Life Pines, celebrating its 75th anniversary in Christian camping this year.

**B)** In Colorado Springs, the Focus team met with Hope Media leaders (L-R): John Fuller, Kelly and Joe Paulo (President of Hope Media), Dena Fuller, Marti and Brian Krause, and Shawn Farrington (Hope Media's Chief Innovation Officer).



C

**C)** Wearing her KCBI (Dallas) shirt, Jessica Perez is with Claire Burge (left) and Sharon Geiger (right). Daughter of AAA's Jennifer, Jess has served as a KCBI intern while a student at Dallas Baptist University. Great prep for the hoped-for career in sports broadcasting!



D

**D)** Speaking of college, Thrivent Magazine has a great article in its Summer '22 issue: "Strategies for Saving for College: Tips and More" including this one: "Start small—even if that means you can only deposit \$50 a month." Read online or ask us for a copy!



E

**E)** The renown Smokehouse Restaurant (Burbank) is a great place to meet our friends from Grace to You and think creatively about the future—Phil Johnson (Executive Director and Host on the program with John MacArthur) and Jay Flowers (COO).

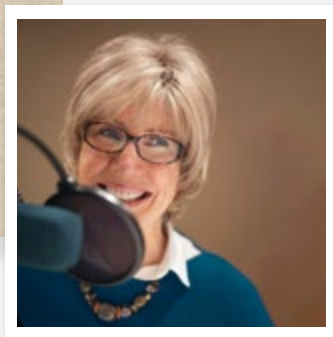


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**F)** In nearby Fullerton for an "Equip America" event, grateful that John Sorensen and Jeff Givens (Evangelism Explosion/"Share Life Today") could drop by the AAA office for fellowship and dialog on strategic initiatives ahead.

ALL  
NEW!

## → *New From Joni Eareckson Tada*



If you know **Joni**, you know she loves hymns. And some of her very favorites are accompanied by powerful personal stories in her new publication, ***Songs of Suffering: 25 Hymns and Devotions for Weary Souls***.

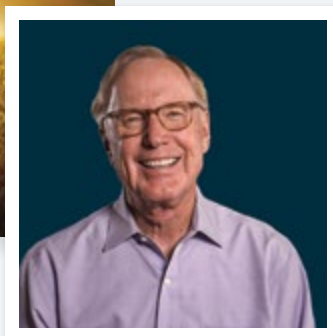
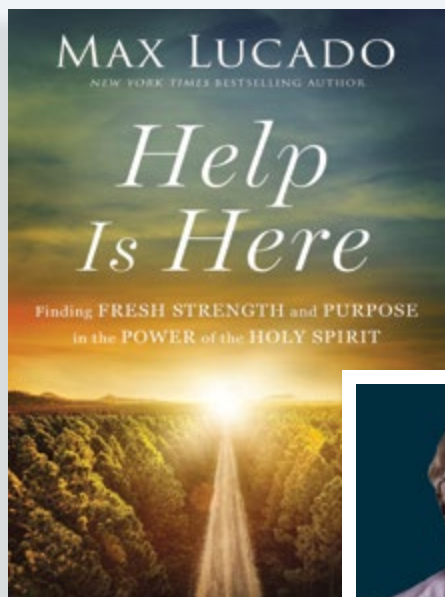
*"I've learned to sing my way through suffering. But it cannot be any song. When pain encroaches, it must be a hymn that has enough spiritual music to barge into my soul and shake awake a helpful response.*

*The 25 hymns I've chosen ... are the ones I turn to when I need help persevering through pain. I know most of them by memory, and so when I sing them, even in a whisper, they give me truth to feed on—biblical truth that inspires me to keep going.*"—Joni

The beautifully-designed book includes sheet music, magnificent photography, and an opening message from Keith & Kristyn Getty ... and Joni's transparently personal inspiration.

Hear Joni's inspiration in two daily features—"Joni Eareckson Tada: Sharing Hope" (4:00) and "A Moment with Joni" (1:00).

## → *New From Max Lucado*



"Now, more than ever, we're all weary from the loads we carry and the challenges we face. We have questions we cannot answer and problems we cannot solve. We'd hoped that life would be an invigorating adventure or an inspiring journey. We never expected to grow so tired so quickly."

Subtitled "Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit," in ***Help is Here***, Max goes to the Bible's many references (more than 100 including words from Jesus Himself) to the Holy Spirit to remind us who the Spirit is and how the Spirit can help us overcome whatever difficulty we face.

His warm and winsome style also encourages us as readers to discover our own unique gifts and purpose to further His Kingdom, exhorting us to "grab on to the life-saving strength of the Holy Spirit!"

Hear encouragement from Max Lucado each day in the 1:00 feature "UpWords" ... audition content available at our website.

## CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF OUTREACH TO NATIVE AMERICA

A long commitment to Native Americans continues as **Ron Hutchcraft** (“A Word with You”) recently completed his 30th consecutive summer of outreach to that community. This year, the On Eagles’ Wings® Native American team traveled once again to several Native reservation communities. Thirty Native warriors, representing 15 different tribes, held many nightly outreach events to share the Gospel with Native American young people.

Ron says, “These warriors went boldly with their message of hope in Jesus, fighting relentlessly for hard and hurting hearts until hope broke through.”



Earlier in the summer, RHM hosted its annual Warrior Leadership Summit Native youth discipleship conference. Approximately 500 Native young people and their leaders came from across North America to participate in this life-changing week of worship and teaching.



Representative of the ministry’s deep commitment to the “On Eagles’ Wings” effort, a Leadership Center is currently under construction on the 75-acre ministry RHM headquarters site in Arkansas. Much of the recent construction was provided by the Volunteer Christian Builders (VCB), a national team that provides free labor to construct buildings for churches, ministries, and Christian camps.

The first class of students for the On Eagles’ Wings Leadership Center is expected to arrive this fall. Watch for updates in *Update!*



Read more about this unique aspect of the work of Ron Hutchcraft Ministries by checking out [www.HopeForNativeAmerica.com](http://www.HopeForNativeAmerica.com)

## A SNAPSHOT OF IMPACT



In 2013, *Grace to You* launched its Grace Reaches Out (GRO) initiative with the goal of expanding the impact of **John MacArthur’s** messages globally.

Since then, the ministry has accomplished: The translation of 580 key sermons by John into major world languages (script and voicing already completed in Arabic, Mandarin, and Portuguese; plans are to finish French later this year).

Translation is now underway for Russian, Italian, Romanian, and Farsi. Coming up ... Korean is now on the “launch pad” with German and Indonesian also in the pipeline mode.

Much of this work was enabled at its outset through partnership with TWR. As able, *Grace to You* will distribute and broadcast the sermons through whatever terrestrial and digital conduits best accomplish impact.

Just as with English, all the sermons (transcript and audio) are posted to the ministry website for free download—the “vault” of material widely opened in 2008.

Celebrating the 50th for Dennis & Barbara (see page 3) reminded us that we haven't yet shared their recipes from the Ambassador Family Cookbook in Update—so this is the perfect time to feature this one from Dennis. (Let us know if you need Barbara's White Chicken Chili recipe too!)

FROM  
OUR  
KITCHEN



## Meet the Chef

While he has stepped away from ministry leadership at FamilyLife (and his hosting FamilyLife Today), Dennis Rainey has not retired. Just visit their website ([www.theraineys.org](http://www.theraineys.org)) to learn more about what both Dennis and Barbara are doing to continue their impactful ministry to couples and families—"empowering men and women to live in courageous faith."

PRIME TIME

# Blackened Salmon

DENNIS RAINEY



*This is what I want to cook for the Ambassador team if ever I am out to Southern California again! It was a proud moment for me when Chuck Colson begrudgingly admitted my salmon was as good as his Chilean sea bass. I never got to savor his dish as we'd planned. He had a more important appointment on the calendar ... heaven!*

Purchase 6-8 ounces per person of fresh farm-raised salmon (not wild caught—the farm-raised product is more consistent). You'll know it's fresh when you eat it and it has a little "sticky" feel to it when you chew it.

Ask for the thickest filets they have (1 to 1 1/2 thickness is the best, a good salmon steak). You do not want to over-cook the meat which is why thick is best). Plus you can season the daylight out of a thick slice and it's not too much seasoning. (I actually like to go for a pound and a quarter with two filets for two people. Leftovers are great!)

On an outside grill, begin heating a cast iron skillet that has been seasoned (go on line and look this up if you have to buy a new one that needs to be seasoned). I actually keep one cast iron skillet just to cook fish—it will pick up the oils of the fish over time. You can heat a skillet inside, but you'll need a good vent to pull the smoke out because you want the skillet to be really hot when you put the salmon on it. It does generate smoke!

Remove skin with a filet knife, or have the butcher do it at the store. Wash the filet in cold water, then blot completely dry with paper towels.

Use a nice olive oil to coat both sides. I use a generous portion and coat both sides with my fingers. It works best if the filet hasn't been left out and lost the chill of the refrigerator. The oil sticks to the filet if it's cold. (Because it doesn't take long to cook this, I will sometimes put the olive oil covered filets in the refrigerator, while I prepare the veggies that go with it. This insures the oil will be coating the fish when you powder it with the blackening seasoning.)

Now coat one side thoroughly (completely cover the filet on one side) with Chef Paul Prudhomme's Redfish Magic Cajun Seasoning. You'll coat the other side after you put it on the HOT cast iron skillet.

Watch the clock; put the blackened side down on the cast iron skillet and while it is cooking, coat the other side thoroughly with the seasoning. You'll need to work this out on your grill, but if you have a hot grill and skillet, about 3 minutes on each side for a 1 1/2 inch salmon steak will do the trick. DO NOT OVER COOK. A little pink center actually insures the salmon will be moist. Salmon is better if it's between medium rare and medium. It's quick—6 to 7 minutes total time cooking and you are good to go.

Squeeze LOTS of lemon juice over it and serve it over a salad, or with cottage cheese and sweet potato fries dipped in maple syrup. If you want to approach a truly heavenly experience, top with Dennis Rainey's World Famous Béarnaise Sauce. If so desired, recipe is available for a modest sum of monthly payments.

Enjoy! (Leftovers are great, but need to be eaten within 3-4 days.)



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## Looking ahead!

Get the cake and candles ready, fill the balloons ... looks like September must be "Birthday Month"! If you happen to be celebrating along with those below, best wishes on the milestone!



**September 3:** Oh, Happy Birthday, dear **Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth**—what a month this will be for you!



**September 4-7:** **Keith & Kristyn Getty** host the "Sing!" worship conference (Nashville TN)—speakers include **Joni Eareckson Tada** and **John MacArthur**.



**September 7:** In St. Charles (MO), **Barry Meguiar** (*Ignite*) speaks at the annual Businessmen's Prayer Breakfast.



**September 14:** Blessings on this birthday, **John Sorensen** ... grateful for your dedication to evangelism!



**September 16:** And Happy Birthday to you, **Carter Conlon**. Your passion for calling us to prayer is unceasing!



**September 22-24:** In Indianapolis, Revive Our Hearts' "True Woman '22: Heaven Rules" with **Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth**, **Dannah Gresh**, **Joni Eareckson Tada** and others.



**September 24:** One last birthday this month—celebrating **Don Green** ("The Truth Pulpit") as he marks another year too!

"So just remember ... The next time you feel like December ... Remember the night in September ... When God wiped all your tears away."  
— Kirk Franklin