

# *Relational Lifestyle* ONLINE SUMMIT

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## *Event Playbook*

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# Relational Lifestyle ONLINE SUMMIT

Is your family caught inside a crazy-busy life — but somehow, you feel disconnected from each other and aimless?

You can escape the never-ending whirlwind! At the **Relational Lifestyle Summit**, it's our prayer that you'll catch a vision for a way of life opposite of endless hustle — instead, a life infused with the Gospel, filled with joy, and overflowing into your family, your church, and your community.

The Kingdom of God multiplies exponentially in the *beauty and joy of life-integrated relationships*. This is a call to weave the fabric of relational living into every dimension of your life...

## Let's Get Started!



# Meet Your Hosts

Your hosts for Homeschool Summits meet with each speaker over video chat right at home to hear their wisdom and ask them personalized questions – essentially your own personal guides through the Summit. Get to know them a little here:



## *Daniel & Megan*

“We’re in the throes of learning what it means to raise a family to the glory of God; as homeschool grads ourselves, we have a great burden to build on all our parents taught us as we raise our four children. We’re eager to take our passions for home education, discipleship, and the Church to impact this generation and the ones to come for Jesus Christ!”

## *Brandee*

“My husband, Roy, and I are fourth-generation cattle ranchers, and I spend my days homeschooling my cowpoke sons, praying for them to be warriors for Christ and passionate learners. It’s my joy to speak truth with love and laughter for other parents on the same homeschooling journey!”



## *Sam & Bekah*

“We’re second generation homeschool parents, married for 11 years and blessed to parent 6 children. We’re grateful to pursue our passions for the local church, raising up the next generation for the Lord, and providing our children with a Christ-centered education, all for the glory of God!”



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Stephen Kendrick

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- ❑ **How Hospitality Shapes the Heart of Christian Family Life and Ministry**  
Abovie Rubies Nancy Campbell
- ❑ **How to Prepare Your Kids to THRIVE in Any Economy**  
Cornerstone Capital Investment & Clip.com Chad Roach & Dave Tucker
- ❑ **The Family Economy: Discovering the Family as It Was Designed to Work**  
Gather and Grow Rory Groves
- ❑ **Your Family and God’s Plan for the World**  
Visionary Family Ministries Rob Rienow

# Day 1

## KickOff Keynote



## God's Design for Your Relational Lifestyle

### Things to Learn:

- What causes people to be lonely and isolated
- Keys to walking in healthy relationships
- How to build a strong relational support system

### Takeaways:

- Relationships on earth are an introduction to who God is and how He relates to us.
- God said it was not good for man to be alone – we are made for relationships!
- Sin always flourishes in isolation.
- The hub of the Christian life is your personal walk with Jesus. The health of every relationship flows out of the health of your relationship with Him.
- Humility is a prerequisite to healthy relationships.
- Patience is love on defense. Kindness is love on offense.

### Recommended Resources:

- [KendrickBrothers.com](https://www.kendrickbrothers.com)
- *The Love Dare* by Stephen & Alex Kendrick
- *The Resolution for Men* by Stephen & Alex Kendrick
- *The Love Dare for Parents* by Stephen & Alex Kendrick
- *Defined* by Stephen & Alex Kendrick

### Notes:



**STEPHEN KENDRICK**  
Kendrick Brothers

*After serving in church ministry for 20 years, Stephen Kendrick now writes, speaks, and produces Christian films with his brothers Alex and Shannon. Stephen produced and co-wrote the movies The Forge, War Room, Overcomer, Courageous, Fireproof, and Facing the Giants. In 2021, Show Me the Father was released, their first feature-length documentary, for which he served as an executive producer and writer. Their newest film, The Forge, is scheduled for a theatrical release by Sony Pictures on August 23, 2024.*

*Along with his brother Alex, Stephen co-wrote the New York Times bestselling books The Love Dare, The Resolution for Men, and The Battle Plan for Prayer. He has been interviewed on "Fox & Friends," CNN, and ABC World News Tonight. He serves on the boards of the Fatherhood CoMission and the Christian Worldview Film Festival. Stephen and his wife, Jill, live in Albany, GA, with their six children and are active members at Sherwood Church.*

# Day 2

The Relational Lifestyle  
= Do Life Together!



## Are You Just Co-Habiting? Reintegrating Relational Life in Your Family

### Things to Learn:

- What relational isolation looks like in the home
- How to build a relational lifestyle
- Practical tips for improving communication

### Takeaways:

- With all of the entertainment available at our fingertips, it is so easy to be engaged in a virtual world instead of the real world around you with your family.
- So much relational wisdom in life is caught rather than taught.
- Lighthearted humor brings a family together. Never, never, never demean your spouse, especially in front of others.
- If you have a safe, positive relationship with your kids, there is a much higher possibility that they will love the things you love.
- Anytime you change a habit, at first it takes a lot of work and intentionality. But if you stick with it, it reaps great rewards!

### Recommended Resources:

- [Relational Wisdom 360](#)
- RW 360 app
- RW 360 blog
- [Overcoming Artificial Maturity by Jeff Sande](#)
- [Seven Steps to Empathy by Ken Sande \(article\)](#)
- *The Young Peacemaker* curriculum
- *The Peacemaker: Student Edition* by Ken Sande
- RW 360 courses
- *The Peacemaking Principles* pamphlet
- *Transformed* pamphlet



**KEN SANDE**

Relational Wisdom 360

*Ken Sande is the founder of Peacemaker Ministries and Relational Wisdom 360. Trained as an engineer, lawyer, and mediator, Ken has conciliated hundreds of family, business, church, and legal conflicts. As president of RW360, he now focuses on teaching people how to “get upstream of conflict” by building strong relationships in the family, church, and workplace. He teaches internationally and is the author of numerous books, articles, and training resources, including *The Peacemaker*, which has sold over 500,000 copies in seventeen languages. He is certified as a Relational Wisdom Instructor and Christian Conciliator, as well as an Emotional Intelligence Instructor, and has served as an Editorial Adviser for Christianity Today. He and his wife, Corlette, homeschooled their two children.*



# Day 2

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## Just You and Jesus Ain't Christianity: Reintegrating Relational Life With Your Church

### *Things to Learn:*

- The drawbacks of “rugged individualism”
- How to find the perfect church
- Principles for building deeper relationships at church

### *Takeaways:*

- We should go to church to worship and serve, not to be served.
- Model loving the difficult people at your church for your children.
- Staying in fellowship with one another creates the space for God to do the nurturing work that we can only begin to comprehend.
- If you are delighting in your walk with the Lord and in fellowship with other believers, then that will be caught by your children. The opposite is true too!
- “Me loving the Word is infinitely more contagious than me telling my kids they must love the Word.”

### *Notes:*



**RACHEL JANKOVIC**

*Rachel Jankovic is a wife, homemaker, and mother. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts & Culture from New Saint Andrews College, but mostly reads cookbooks now to avoid story grip (being highly susceptible). In 2003, she married her husband Luke, and they have eight children who know how to party. Rachel loves color, fabric, yarn to knit with, kids to laugh with, and laundry (not so much). She is also the author of Loving the Little Years and Fit to Burst.*

# Day 2

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## Jesus Didn't Run an Academy: Reintegrating Relational Life in Education

### *Things to Learn:*

- Jesus' philosophy of education
- How to handle conflicts while homeschooling
- The meaning of relational living

### *Takeaways:*

- The best teachers are ones that have a relationship with their students – like homeschoolers!
- Revival begins in relationship.
- Own it when you blow it – your children need to see your humility and repentance in confessing your sin.
- Creation is a gift of God, history is God's workings – every subject points to our magnificent, relational, good God.

### *Recommended Resources:*

- [Generations.org](https://generations.org)
- [Generations curriculum](#)

### *Notes:*



### KEVIN SWANSON

#### Generations

*Kevin Swanson was homeschooled in the 60s and 70s, and with his wife, Brenda, homeschooled five children out on the eastern plains of Colorado. Their greatest joy is to see their children "walking in the truth." Kevin serves as an elder in his church, and he has developed Christian curriculum for 1st-12th grade. He has also authored over 20 books on Bible study, Christian worldview, the Christian family, providential Christian history, popular culture, and Christian education.*

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## Beauty in Battle: Overcoming Marital Isolation in Work & Ministry

### Things to Learn:

- The #1 relationship killer
- How to combat isolation in marriage
- What working as a team looks like

### Takeaways:

- The real enemy is the devil, not your spouse. The accuser wants you fighting face to face against each other, not shoulder to shoulder against him.
- You can find beauty in the battle when you stop fighting against each other, and start fighting for each other.
- The way you see the battle determines how you fight the battle.
- When you live out the comprehensive rule of God in every area of life, you will then have a kingdom impact.
- The key to magnetism in marriage is gratitude. Thank your spouse for what they've done, praise them for who they are.

### Recommended Resources:

- [Beauty in Battle](#) website
- *Beauty in Battle: Winning in Marriage by Waging a War* by Jason & Tori Benham

### Notes:



### JASON & TORI BENHAM

#### Beauty in Battle

*Jason and Tori Benham have been married for more than twenty years, own several businesses together, and are passionate about helping couples thrive in marriage. Jason holds a Master's Degree in Christian Counseling and Tori is a certified emotional intelligence coach. They have four children and live in Charlotte, NC.*

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## How Jesus Redeems Us and Our Relationships (It's a Package Deal!)

### Things to Learn:

- How our relationship with God affects all other relationships
- Principles for navigating conflicts
- Perspectives for relationships that are “past hope”

### Takeaways:

- As a Christian, you should want broken relationships to be restored.
- Be the first to apologize when you have conflict with others, and humbly own your part of the conflict.
- Selfish pride is the obstacle that keeps us from restoring broken relationships.
- We have been forgiven so much in Christ, how can we not forgive others?
- Live to give rather than to receive.

### Recommended Resource:

- [JoelBeeke.org](http://JoelBeeke.org)

### Notes:



**JOEL BEEKE**  
Puritan Reformed Theological  
Seminary

*Dr. Joel R. Beeke is president and professor of systematic theology and homiletics at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, a pastor of the Heritage Reformed Congregation in Grand Rapids, MI, editor of Puritan Reformed Journal and Banner of Sovereign Grace Truth, and editorial director of Reformation Heritage Books. He has written and co-authored one hundred books, edited another one hundred books, and contributed 2,500 articles to reformed books, journals, periodicals, and encyclopedias. His Ph.D. is in Reformation and Post-Reformation Theology from Westminster Theological Seminary (Philadelphia). He is frequently called upon to lecture at seminaries and to speak at reformed conferences around the world. He and his wife, Mary, have been blessed with three children and ten grandchildren.*

# Day 2

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## Juggling Work & Family Life: Interviewing an Attorney With Eleven Children

### *Things to Learn:*

- What the most important part of the day is
- Principles for working from home with a large family
- How to stay engaged with family when traveling for work

### *Takeaways:*

- In a large family, no day is a “typical” day – and that’s okay!
- Clear expectations and clear communication are helpful with setting boundaries between work and family life.
- Burning the candle at both ends only creates more chaos.
- Make being fully present with your family a priority (i.e. no devices).

### *Recommended Resource:*

- [HeritageDefense.org](https://HeritageDefense.org)

### *Notes:*

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**BRADLEY PIERCE**  
Heritage Defense

*Bradley Pierce is a co-founding attorney of Heritage Defense. Since being licensed in 2007, Bradley has defended the parental rights of Christian homeschooling families around the country against threats by social services. Bradley and his wife, Cindy, are homeschool graduates who are now blessed to homeschool their own eleven children.*

# Day 3

## Relational Family & Church

= Enjoy & Worship God Together



### How to Integrate Family Life With Church Life

#### *Things to Learn:*

- Why the church is necessary for the family
- How to maximize the impact of church life
- Tips for handling disruptive children in the worship service

#### *Takeaways:*

- The church is the only institution that will continue into eternity, and it's central to God's plan for building His kingdom.
- You can prepare your kids for worship on Sunday by making the practice of worship beautiful every other day of the week.
- God has designed the church to be a relational community.
- Focus on connecting to others, instead of on whether or not you feel connected. Invite others over, don't wait for others to invite you.
- We can't bear one another's burdens if we don't know them well enough to know what their burdens are.

#### *Recommended Resources:*

- [Church & Family Life](#)
- *The Hospitality Commands* by Alexander Strauch
- *The Family at Church* by Scott Brown
- *A Weed in the Church* by Scott Brown
- *A Complementary Role of Church & Family* by Scott Brown

#### *Notes:*



**SCOTT BROWN**  
Church & Family Life

*Scott T. Brown is the president of Church and Family Life and pastor at Hope Baptist Church in Wake Forest, NC. Scott graduated from California State University in Fullerton with a degree in history and received a Master of Divinity degree from Talbot School of Theology. He gives most of his time to local pastoral ministry, expository preaching, and conferences on church and family reformation. Scott helps people think through the two greatest institutions God has provided – the church and the family.*

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### How to Have Fun Together ... at Home, or in an RV, or Anywhere!

#### *Things to Learn:*

- How RV life can teach valuable life lessons
- Key components to a family that enjoys one another
- What are the biggest joy killers

#### *Takeaways:*

- Nobody wants hard times, but those are the things that create the most talked of family memories.
- The important thing about a relational lifestyle is learning how to work together as a family.
- Being together now is the influence for being together later in life.
- “The family that stays together, stays together”
- Homeschooling is hard, but it has amazing dividends.

#### *Notes:*



**TODD WILSON**  
Familyman Ministries

*Todd Wilson is a dad, writer, conference speaker, and former pastor. Todd's humor and gut-honest realness have made him a favorite speaker at homeschool conventions across the country, a guest on Focus on the Family, and a frequent contributor to various magazines.*

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### Divine Dining: Savoring God's Goodness as a Family

#### Things to Learn:

- A right view of food and celebration
- What it means to enjoy God's goodness
- How daily meals reflect the Lord's Supper

#### Takeaways:

- God didn't have to create us with a sense of taste, or varieties of flavors, but He did!
- Meals are an opportunity to build and deepen relationships.
- Christians ought to approach the Sabbath in a celebratory way.
- Nothing worthwhile happens without intentionality, time, and practice.
- Cultivate a culture where your kids know that you want them to come to the table and share their stories.

#### Recommended Resources:

- *The Supper of the Lamb* by Robert Farrar Capon
- *Taste of Sabbath* by Stuart Bryan
- *Call the Sabbath a Delight* by Walter Chantry
- *Sunday as a First-Day Sabbath* by Phillip Kayser

#### Notes:



**DOUG WILSON**

Douglas Wilson is the senior minister of Christ Church in Moscow, ID. He was a founder of Logos School, a founder of New St. Andrews College, and a founder of the Association of Classical Christian Schools (ACCS). The author of numerous books on education, reformed theology, and cultural issues, Douglas blogs prolifically at [DougWils.com](http://DougWils.com) and also has a Substack newsletter called [Educator in Residence](#). He is married to Nancy, and has three married kids and eighteen grandkids.



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### The Importance of a Relational Approach to Media Choices and Media Consumption

#### *Things to Learn:*

- How to provide helpful boundaries
- Ways media can unite families

#### *Takeaways:*

- A house divided cannot stand. But a house united stands strong.
- As parents we can build fences around our kids (rules), or we can be present in their lives (relationship).
- We need to be taking everything to Jesus, seeking His wisdom in all things.
- There are many things that want to distract you from relationships and running the race.
- Comparison kills relationships.

#### *Recommended Resources:*

- *Captivated* documentary by Philip Telfer
- [ScreenTime101.com](http://ScreenTime101.com) free course

#### *Notes:*



**PHIL TELFER**

Media Talk 101

*Phillip Telfer has ministered to youth and families for over 25 years, sharing at camps, retreats, schools, conferences, and churches around the country. He is the director of the non-profit ministry Media Talk 101 and author of the book Media Choices: Convictions or Compromise? and the young adult novel Why Save Alexander. He wrote, produced, and co-directed the award-winning documentary Captivated: Finding Freedom in a Media Captive Culture, and founded the annual Christian Worldview Film Festival and Filmmakers Guild. He and his wife, Mary, have been happily married for thirty-two years and are blessed with four wonderful children, one fantastic son-in-law, and three precious grandchildren.*

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### Single But Not Alone: Raising Young Adults With a Relational Mindset

#### *Things to Learn:*

- A biblical view of singleness
- How to encourage and pursue a relational mindset
- What the church can do to support single brothers and sisters

#### *Takeaways:*

- Singleness is not a waiting room, it is an opportunity to live for the glory of God in a special way.
- We need for our kids to not just esteem Jesus Christ, but to be transformed by Him.
- Seek to know the singles in your church on an individual level and show them that they are seen, loved, and valued.
- So many young people are looking for “spiritual employment,” and want to be useful in building the kingdom of God.

#### *Recommended Resources:*

- [Ellerslie.com](http://Ellerslie.com)
- [Honorable Manhood](#)
- [SetApart.org](http://SetApart.org)
- [Online mentoring program and courses](#)

#### *Notes:*

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#### **ERIC & LESLIE LUDY**

Ellerslie

*Eric and Leslie Ludy are the bestselling authors of over twenty books and the founders of Ellerslie Discipleship Training in Windsor, CO. The Ludy's vision is to build bravehearted Christians and bring back the majesty of the Gospel for such a time as this. Hundreds of thousands of Christians around the world have been impacted by the Ludy's discipleship programs, sermons, podcasts, short films, and online training courses.*

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### Thriving God's Way in College

#### *Things to Learn:*

- Tips for choosing a Christian university
- How to thrive as a student post-high school

#### *Takeaways:*

- A faithful steward is someone who handles what God has given them with care, since it is not their own.
- We need to seek and get wisdom, it is more important than silver or gold.
- Be very intentional about where you get your teaching, even with schoolwork, because it will either help or hurt your faith.

#### *Recommended Resources:*

- [The Master's University](#)

#### *Notes:*



**DR. MATTHEW  
MCLAIN**

The Master's University

Matthew A. McLain attended Cedarville University, where he received his B.S. in Geology. He then moved to Southern California to pursue his Ph.D. in Earth Sciences from Loma Linda University. He is currently Associate Professor of Biology and Geology, Chair of the Department of Biological and Physical Sciences, and Interim Dean of the School of Science, Math, Technology, Health, and Engineering at The Master's University. Dr. McLain is a vertebrate paleontologist, studying dinosaurs and other extinct animals, and he is also the youth pastor at Santa Clarita Baptist Church.

# Day 4

## Relational Learning & Teaching

= Explore God's World Together



### Learning to Worship: Recovering the Awesomeness of God in Education

#### Things to Learn:

- How to make school not boring
- The role pride plays in lack of awe
- Practical tips for nurturing enthusiasm and awe

#### Takeaways:

- Humans are built for worship, it's just a question of who or what you'll worship.
- The ultimate purpose of humans is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. When we enter into that purpose, we become the most fulfilled people on earth.
- Every cubic inch of this universe displays God's goodness and glory, and He's given us the ability to investigate and discover what He's done.
- The fear of the Lord is the beginning of all learning and knowledge.
- History has proven that in the end, Jesus always wins.

#### Recommended Resources:

- *Upgrade* by Kevin Swanson
- [Generations curriculum](#)

#### Notes:



**KEVIN SWANSON**

*Generations*

*Kevin Swanson was homeschooled in the 60s and 70s, and with his wife, Brenda, homeschooled five children out on the eastern plains of Colorado. Their greatest joy is to see their children "walking in the truth." Kevin serves as an elder in his church, and he has developed Christian curriculum for 1st-12th grade. He has also authored over 20 books on Bible study, Christian worldview, the Christian family, providential Christian history, popular culture, and Christian education.*

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### Raising Doers, Not Just Hearers: The Power of Life Application in Learning

#### *Things to Learn:*

- How to be a doer instead of a hearer
- Principles for integrating real life with learning
- What to focus on if you're overwhelmed

#### *Takeaways:*

- The days may seem long, but the years with our children are truly short. We have such a small window of time to pour into our children.
- It should be our goal to raise our children to be life-long learners and life-long doers.
- Knowledge is useless without acting on it – especially so when it comes to Scripture.

#### *Recommended Resources:*

- [The Proverbial Homemaker](#)
- [Proverbial Homemaker Instagram](#)
- [Proverbial Homemaker Facebook](#)
- [Homeschooling Successfully Facebook Group](#)

#### *Notes:*



#### **TAUNA MEYER**

**The Proverbial Homemaker**

*Tauna Meyer is a homeschooling mom of 6 who speaks to women with encouragement that is relatable and provides tools that work in real life. She has a passion for helping moms overcome the hurdles that keep them from homeschooling successfully, all while pointing themselves and their children to Christ.*

# Day 4

## Relational Learning & Teaching

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### Breaking Out of the Mold of Traditional Schooling: Field Trips, Electives, and All of That!

#### *Things to Learn:*

- How to shift from seeing homeschooling as a burden
- Ways to incorporate “non-traditional” learning into your homeschool

#### *Takeaways:*

- How did Jesus teach his disciples? By bringing them along with Him as He went about His life. Homeschooling gives this same opportunity to us as families.
- You're not going to have time to do every single thing. That's why you need to figure out what the most important lessons are and prioritize them.
- Take opportunities to learn alongside your kids, especially with electives.
- There are lots of lonely elderly people in the world, and showing them you care about them provides a great service opportunity.

#### *Recommended Resources:*

- [Notgrass History](#)
- [Charlene Notgrass blog](#)

#### *Notes:*



#### **CHARLENE NOTGRASS**

##### **Notgrass History**

*Charlene is the wife of Ray Notgrass, the most wonderful man in the world, and together they own Notgrass History where she oversees curriculum development. She has always loved being a mother and now relishes the role of grandmother.*

*A veteran homeschooler herself, Charlene loves to encourage other homeschooling mothers through her blog, Daily Encouragement for Homeschooling Mothers.*

*On any given day you will find her reading, quilting, painting, sewing, or improving their 180-year-old house, all while spending time with Ray and their beloved family.*

# Day 4

## Relational Learning & Teaching

= Explore God's World Together



### Beyond Labels: The Power of Relationship in Raising a Special Needs Child

#### *Things to Learn:*

- How to help special needs kids be all God wants them to be
- Important relationships that must be guarded
- Why special needs kids have a unique, and crucial, perspective

#### *Takeaways:*

- Casting your burdens on the Lord leads to immense peace.
- God is a great redeemer — He takes all kinds of things and weaves them all together for our good.
- Special needs kids are also created in the image of God, which means they have something to offer the body of Christ.
- Our identity needs to be built first and foremost on the fact that we are God's children.

#### *Recommended Resources:*

- [SPED Homeschool](#)
- [Math-U-See](#)

#### *Notes:*



**STEVE DEMME**

Demme Learning

*Steve and his wife, Sandra, have been married since 1979. They have been blessed with four sons, three lovely daughters-in-law, and six special grandchildren. Their fourth son has Down Syndrome and lives with them in Lititz, PA. With God's help, Steve has been seeking first the Kingdom since graduating from Grove City College and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He is the creator of Math-U-See and the founder of Building Faith Families.*

# Day 4

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### Walk by the Way: Teaching Spiritual Truths Through Natural Means

#### Things to Learn:

- Why not spending time outside affects your spiritual life
- The benefits of integrating life and learning
- Common barriers to an integrated lifestyle

#### Takeaways:

- When you're spending time with your kids out and about, there are so many opportunities to teach your children spiritual truths.
- God is a hands-on God, so why would we not include hands-on teaching in our homeschool?
- The *best* resource for spiritual growth and finding spiritual lessons is the Bible.
- "When your child is bored, you have not failed."
- The most important part of an integrated lifestyle is slowing down and paying attention.

#### Recommended Resources:

- 1000 Hours Outside podcast
- 1000 Hours Outside app
- [1000 Hours Outside](#)
- *Until the Streetlights Come On* by Ginny Yurich
- *Roots, Shoots, Buckets, & Boots* by Sharon Lovejoy
- *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt
- *The Marvelous Pigness of Pigs* by Joel Salatin
- Louie Giglio devotional books for kids
- Apologia materials
- *Beyond Winning* by Kim Payne & Luis Llosa
- *Reset Your Child's Brain* by Dr. Victoria Dunckley



**GINNY YURICH**  
1000 Hours Outside

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### Family Fusion: What Our Parents Taught Us About Working and Serving Together

#### *Things to Learn:*

- How to encourage togetherness in work and ministry
- Avoiding seeing ministry as drudgery
- Tips for passing on a vision and mission to the next generation

#### *Takeaways:*

- Being unified as a family requires having something to unify around.
- If you can do something together as a family, do it!
- Teaching the skill of work helps children to see the value in it, because it helps them feel capable.
- Relationships aren't efficient. They require time and intentionality, and that is a good thing.
- Unity in your family starts with unity in your marriage.

#### *Recommended Resources:*

- [NowThatWereAFamily.com](http://NowThatWereAFamily.com)
- [Now That We're A Family Podcast](#)

#### *Notes:*



#### **ELISHA & KATHRYN VOETBERG**

##### **Now That We're a Family**

*Elisha and Katie Voetberg, parents to five and hosts of the Now That We're A Family podcast, draw from unique experiences growing up in families of 10 and 11 children that went against the flow, seeking unparalleled results instead of average statistics in and out of the home. Together, they run [NowThatWereAFamily.com](http://NowThatWereAFamily.com), an online initiative bridging the gap for families that want something different than the failing cultural model, but lack the practical systems and clear vision needed to cultivate homes with fulfilling day-to-day lifestyles and lasting multigenerational impact.*

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### How Hospitality Shapes the Heart of Christian Family Life and Ministry

#### *Things to Learn:*

- Why every Christian can (and should) do hospitality
- How hospitality helps unify family relationships
- Practical ideas for practicing hospitality

#### *Takeaways:*

- God is a hospitable God, and hospitality is something on His heart.
- Real relationships happen around the table.
- There's an important difference between hospitality and entertaining.
- Hospitality, like everything in life, is often a step of faith.
- People are aching to feel wanted and loved, and showing them hospitality soothes that ache.

#### *Recommended Resources:*

- [AboveRubies.org](https://www.aboverubies.org)
- Above Rubies magazine
- [Above Rubies Facebook](#)
- Above Rubies devotional email

#### *Notes:*



**NANCY CAMPBELL**

*Above Rubies*

*Nancy Campbell is the editress of Above Rubies magazine and mother of 10, grandmother of 51, and great-grandmother to over 20 grandbabies.*

*Nancy Campbell hosts a podcast called the Life to the Full w/ Nancy Campbell every Tuesday morning at 6:00am to encourage wives and mothers in their highest calling of being a wife and mother. On Nancy's website, [AboveRubies.org](https://www.aboverubies.org), you'll find hundreds of testimonies and articles on all subjects of marriage, motherhood, and family life. You'll also have access to Nancy's daily email devotionals, books, and information on Above Rubies Retreats.*

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### How to Prepare Your Kids to THRIVE in Any Economy

#### Things to Learn:

- What challenges to prepare your kids for
- How to cultivate important character traits
- Tips for answering “what to do when I grow up?”

#### Takeaways:

- The most important thing we can teach our children are the principles contained in the Proverbs.
- Preparation takes intentionality, and being faithful in the little things now.
- Focus on serving others, instead of on just earning money.
- Being able to work and serve without pay is important to learn before working for a paycheck.
- Seek first the kingdom of God, because that is the most important thing in any situation.

#### Recommended Resources:

- *It Takes So Little to Be Above Average* by Florence Littauer
- [The Beautiful Business](#)

#### Notes:



#### DAVE TUCKER & CHAD ROACH CLIP.com & Cornerstone Capital Investment

*Dave Tucker, a veteran in IT services since 1987, pioneered his own software to streamline company operations, expanding his company, CLIP Software, to over 18,000 users globally before selling it in 2020. In addition to CLIP, Dave has started and run 5 other businesses, eventually retiring in 2023 to focus on mentoring and teaching. An accomplished international speaker, he emphasizes ethical business practices rooted in biblical principles, and is personally motivated to, “help others attain success in their companies and gain time to be with their loved ones.” Dave has been married for 43 years, has 5 children and 9 grandchildren. He is the author of two books: Lawn Maintenance and the Beautiful Business and Piecework and the Beautiful Business.*

*Chad Roach was homeschooled in Colorado his entire life and feels overwhelmingly blessed by the strong foundation his parents and mentors gave him early in life. He is passionate about encouraging and supporting families in discipling their children in the Christian faith. Graduating at age 16, Chad went on to pursue legal education and started several businesses. Now in his 30s, he owns numerous companies in the investment, financial, and real estate industries. Chad is married to his beautiful wife Becky – another homeschool graduate – and together they have 5 children.*

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### The Family Economy: Discovering the Family as It Was Designed to Work

#### Things to Learn:

- Discover what a family economy is
- How the family economy can prepare people for an uncertain future
- Finding practical ways to build a family economy

#### Takeaways:

- “We thought we were making a farm. But the farm was really making a family.”
- Working together brings a family together, and provides so many opportunities for discipleship.
- Do something that brings a shared vision back into your home.
- The first place this starts is on your knees. Find out what God wants your family to do.
- God has gifted you and your spouse (and your kids) uniquely and put you together for a reason.

#### Recommended Resources:

- *Durable Trade: Family-Centered Economies That Have Stood the Test of Time* by Rory Groves
- *The Family Economy: Discovering the Family as It Was Designed to Work* by Rory Groves
- [GatherAndGrow.us](https://gatherandgrow.us)
- *Gather and Grow* newsletter

#### Notes:



#### RORY GROVES

Gather and Grow

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### Your Family and God's Plan for the World

#### Things to Learn:

- The Kingdom purpose of the family
- How fathers can turn their hearts to their children
- How God wants to use the family as a lighthouse

#### Takeaways:

- As parents, our calling is first to see to the spiritual life and growth of our own children.
- God's Word must first be in our hearts, and secondly should be taught to our children through every day moments.
- Your home is a powerful evangelism center. Ordinary Christian families can change the world.
- A deep, mature Christian faith is a child-like faith. It's needy, it's dependent. We never graduate from needing God every minute of every day.
- If we truly believe God's promises and His Word, it will change the way we parent and change the way we feel. We'll be able to rest in His wise, good, and sovereign control.

#### Recommended Resources:

- [Visionary Family Ministries](#)
- Family Vision podcast
- *Visionary Parenting* by Rob & Amy Rienow

#### Notes:





#### ROB RIENOW

##### Visionary Family Ministries

*Dr. Rob Rienow's most important ministry is loving his wife and leading their seven children to know and love God. He serves as the co-founder of Visionary Family Ministries, [VisionaryFam.com](http://VisionaryFam.com), and is the author of several books including *Visionary Parenting and Healing Family Relationships*. The Rienow family lives in West Chicago, IL.*

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