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Titles and Synopses

Introduction – Larry and Lorinda Fincher

For over 15 years we have held the HomeBuilders Retreats in various locations - Branson in the Fall, Dallas in the Winter, and The Gulf Coast in the Spring. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, we're making our 2020 Spring Retreat "virtual" and available to all FOR FREE!

This year's theme is "Family: worth the Fight" based upon Nehemiah 4:14. The conference's team of well-qualified Christian speakers and musicians are preparing and excited to share God's strategic mission with you. Ready to take your family to the next level? Join us as we learn to apply Biblical principles for improving our families.

Family: Worth the Fight! – Chad and Julie Graves

Every couple is in a battle whether they know it or not. The culture war is raging, the spiritual battle seems to be at an all time high, and we are in a fight for the hearts and minds of our families. Every warrior needs equipping, encouragement, and some R&R. This year's theme is "Family: worth the Fight" based upon Nehemiah 4:14. On every front, the Christian home is under spiritual attack. The good news is that God's Word has already predicted the outcome. Greater is He that is us than He that is in the world

Fearless Finances – Todd Sadowski

Good finances don't happen by accident. Left on autopilot, we might end up broke, frustrated, bitter, and feeling empty. Too many Christians are feeling the weight of managing their money and feeling a lack of direction. Our Heavenly Father has provided us with timeless principles from His word, so we might be equipped for the fight. Peace is attainable. An impactful and meaningful life is desirable. Good stewardship is about more than just money, and it is worth the fight.



Fit and Flexible Families – Mark and Jenny Clements

Paul's appeal to the church in Corinth to practice self discipline for the sake of the Kingdom came from his own experience. He had denied himself marriage, family, a missionary's salary, and his own personal preferences in order to make the biggest kingdom impact possible, no matter who listened to him: Jew, Gentile, bond, free, man, woman. He became all things to all people BECAUSE HE COULD become all things to all people; He was kingdom fit and flexible.

He appeals to Christians with an argument from physical athletics, going from the lesser importance to the greater: If professional athletes discipline themselves in order to win a perishable wreath, how much MORE should WE discipline OURSELVES in order to advance God's eternal kingdom? This requires self discipline in every aspect of life, both physical and spiritual. It means saying NO to what our flesh may want and saying YES to what our flesh may detest. The result is a family of Christians who have the FITNESS and FLEXIBILITY to do WHATEVER God wants them to do.

Fit and flexible families make powerful and long-term impacts for the kingdom of God. In our session, we will consider why and how to lead fit and flexible families.

Blending a Family (It will be easy they said) – Larry & Lorinda Fincher

A Blended Families, sometimes referred to as a stepfamily, is a family that is formed by the remarriage of a divorced or widowed person and includes one or more children. Blended families are becoming more prevalent (one study shows that 40% of married couples are step couples). While blending a family is not easy, it is well worth the effort. In this session we will discuss why blending a family is challenging and propose some strategies to make blending successful.

A Parent's Guide to Online Protection – Ashley Harris

"It's a scary world out there." We think it constantly and we tell our kids regularly. The thing is, it's not just scary "out there" anymore. The virtual world of the internet has now brought the big, bad, scary world into almost every part of our lives—and our homes.

Parents (and grandparents) struggle with the knowledge that we need to protect our kids from the danger of the internet, but with technology continually evolving and new risks arising every day, it's daunting to even think about where to begin. This session will discuss some real-life, practical ways to secure your home network, as well as the shared and individual devices that your loved ones use to interact with the online world. We will discuss good practices to protect your accounts and guard your devices from the things that can easily (and even unintentionally) come through them. We'll even touch on some parental control or reporting options to ensure your child's device isn't being used to violate the expectations you set when you gave it to them.

Battleground for Your Heart: Satisfying Intimacy Worth Fighting For – Dr. Eric and Keri Spann

Everyone battles a secret sin problem of the heart that Satan plays on through our flesh. He seeks to destroy our lives in the secret parts-to steal God's glory and hurt His beloved children in this most blessed and pleasurable relationship. He also hates the family and will do anything he can to ruin these prime relationships. Because of that he targets marriage, and its tremendous capacity for fulfillment and satisfaction.

Every man has a battle. So does every woman. Keri and I will address the secret life of fantasy and the sensuality that Satan attempts to pervert in the life of every husband and wife, to fill our secret chambers with darkness and dissatisfaction.

Habits of a Strong Marriage – Jaycob Kramer

Great marriages don't just happen - they require lots of work. Whether you have been married six months or sixty years, every marriage has work to do. With honesty, wisdom, and a healthy dose of humor, Jaycob will give you 6 Biblical-based disciplines for a healthy marriage relationship. It is a proven fact, that small disciplines done consistently, will turn into gigantic payoffs. This is especially true in marriage, these disciplines (habits) will do two things for you: help you regain/strengthen your closeness and heal/protect your marriage from the threat of division, miscommunication, unmet needs, sucker punches, and personality differences. Join in the conversation and understand how the decisions you make every day can produce the marriage you have always wanted.

Quality vs. Quantity in Parenting – Ross & Amy McBroome

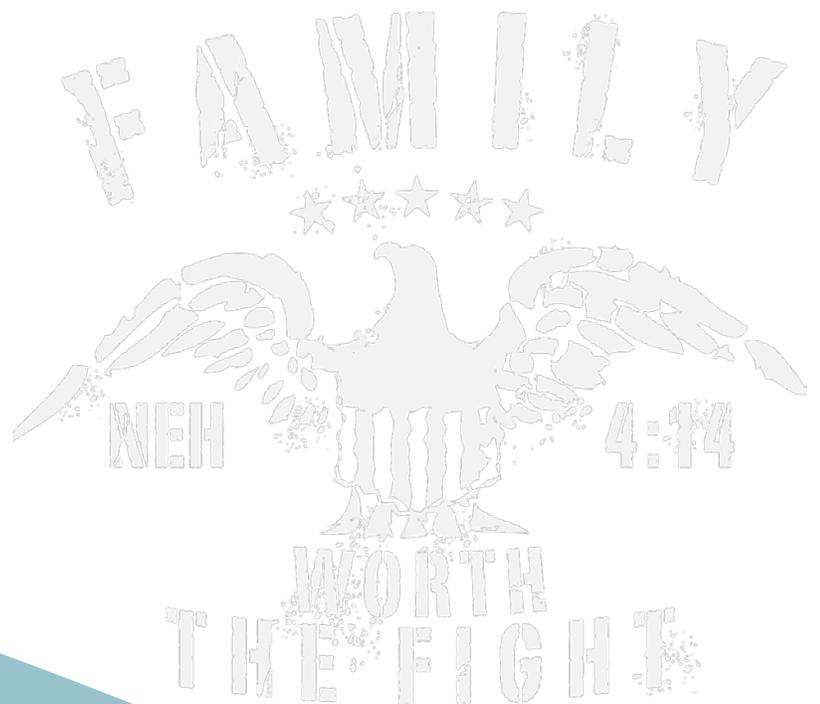
What is most important to you? Most people would automatically respond "My Family". Someone once said, "Actions speak louder than words". What do your actions show to be most important? We would protect our kids from anyone who would do them harm, but what if that person is US? It is past time for us to Fight for Our Families! This session will help give you a new perspective on the Quality of our family time and bring to light the dangers of over filling our family lives.

Attaining Balance Between Work and Family – Dubs Byers

Families are so busy today. There are more and more activities available to enrich the family. There is more and more demanded of us in our profession. If we're at work, we feel guilty for not spending more time at home. If we're at home, we feel guilty for not spending more time at work. This is especially true for those who have chosen to go in the ministry. In this session, we will examine some biblical principles regarding work and home and attempt to establish balance between the two.

Family: Worth the Fight! – What Next? – Larry and Lorinda Fincher

Nehemiah 4:14 urges us to fight for our family. However, this can be difficult and taxing for a family, especially for a family that has made mistakes or found themselves in trying conditions not of their making. Later in this account in Nehemiah the people are commanded to not only live their lives but to fight for their family while they are rebuilding the wall. In closing we will connect the dots from the weekend sessions and give next steps to build or to rebuild families on solid Biblical principles.



Presenters



Larry and Lorinda Fincher have extensive experience in teaching, counseling, and working with families. They have presented seminars, conferences, and retreats nationally and internationally. Larry and Lorinda attend Pathway Baptist Church in Fayetteville, AR where Larry is on staff. They have five children and fifteen grandchildren.



Dr Eric and Keri Spann have been married for 33 years and have four children ages 18 to 26. Keri was a special education and elementary teacher for their first five years of marriage, getting Eric through medical school and internship from 1986 through 1991. She has home schooled all four children from Kindergarten through high school graduation. Eric has been in private family medicine practice since 1994 and is Medical Director of rural health clinics for Baxter Regional Health System.



Todd Sadowski is the founder of StrongTower Wealth Management, a financial planning and investment management company in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He is a member of Crossgate Church where he co-leads WholeHearted, a young-family life group. Todd is married to Holly, with whom he has two daughters, Brooke and Ella. He has studied and taught on Biblical finances for over 17 years.



Dubs and Jane Byers Dubs is a retired superintendent of schools for the Arkansas Correctional School and holds an Ed.D. from the U of A at Little Rock. He currently serves on the Arkansas Board of Corrections and has been active in prison reform and reentry for many years. Jane is a school teacher, pastor's wife, and has spoken at numerous conferences and events. Dubs and Jane, have three sons.



Doug and Stephani Goodman Doug was on the planning team that organized the Arkansas Youth Conference in 1996 and is current director of AYC. He is high school minister and leads worship at one of the worship services at East Union Baptist Church. His wife Stephanie is a pediatric nurse. Doug and Steph were married in 1997 and have 4 beautiful children, Savannah, Molly, Grady, and Emma.



Jaycob Kramer has served as a Youth Pastor for more than thirteen years and is currently the Discipleship Pastor at East Union Baptist Church in East End, Arkansas. He graduated from Henderson State University with a BA in Psychology and is currently pursuing a MA in Professional Counseling from Liberty University. Jaycob and his wife Heather have three children, Lily, Jude, and Max.



Ross and Amy McBroome Ross & Amy McBroome met while at college at HSU in Arkadelphia. They have been married for over 20 years, and God has blessed them with 3 wonderful children, Madison, Kaden & Caleb. They have worked with MBSF, Family Life, Teenagers, and Mission points from the Mississippi Gulf Coast to Pennsylvania. Ross has been the Lead Pastor at Fort Smith Baptist Fellowship for over a decade and is also serving in a volunteer capacity at Union Christian Academy in Fort Smith.



Mark & Jenny Clements served as missionaries in the Philippines for seven years planting a church and training young men and women through Philippine Missionary Baptist Seminary. Since 2008 they have been serving God through New Liberty Baptist Church in Garland, TX. Mark and Jenny have four children, Noah, Mahlah, Nathan, and Rhoda.



Chad Graves has served as Bible teacher, youth pastor, campus pastor, and evangelist. He has spoken in retreats, conferences, camps, and churches throughout the United States. Chad is a graduate of Arkansas State University and Liberty Baptist Seminary. He and his wife, Julie, have two sons, Noah and Ethan.



Ashley Harris comes to us from Hot Springs, Arkansas. She is a wife to her best-friend, Jason, and mother to two boys, Ty and Beckett. She graduated University of Arkansas at Monticello with a Computer Information Systems/Criminal Justice degree and is bringing her knowledge and experience as a both a parent and her previous work with law-enforcement to share practical ways to protect and safeguard our families from the physical and spiritual threats that can be too easily discovered online

