



"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it" Psalm 127:1

Being Still

We had a whirlwind month. We attended Campus Crusade for Christ's bi-annual conference out in Ft. Collins, CO then headed home so the kids could start August 1st in their homeschool co-op (They attend on Mondays, do homework the rest of the week), then we went to New Life Ranch just outside of Siloam Springs, AR to attend part of Topeka Bible Church's family camp, then back home to Little Rock for week two of school. As we send this, the stock market has just plummeted, the country is having record heat-waves, and one of us is having a milestone-type birthday (hmm, wonder who that is?). Sometimes life happens so fast and furiously that we forget to take time to be still.



FamilyLife President Dennis Rainey shares with new staff at the U.S. Campus Crusade Staff Conference in Ft. Collins, CO.

One of our speakers at the conference was a native American who spoke on this subject. He gave an example of how an indigenous community near the recent tsunami noticed that the birds and animals were fleeing inland, and the leaders of their town evacuated everyone early, and so were spared. We were also powerfully reminded by Francis Chan and David Platt that people are dying every day without knowing the Gospel and that their fate is terrible indeed. It is critical that we take time to be still with God to get our direction and focus for each day. Psalm 46 is a good reminder that whatever comes, God is sovereign and will be

exalted!

If you would like to hear some of the speakers we were privileged to hear click on this link, <http://www.ccci.org/csu/index.htm>.

One highlight of the conference was when Marshall and Maddie along with other Jr. and Sr. High staff kids traveled to Estes Park, CO and in groups of two and three shared their faith with people that they approached. Both of them were incredibly positive and excited before and after they shared with people. Marshall commented afterwards about one person he talked to, **"Dad, we planted a huge seed!"**



Maddie just a little bit up in the air at Family Camp!

Thanks so much for your love, your prayers, your financial support and for caring so deeply for us!

In Christ's love,
Love, Steve, Lila, Marshall, and Maddie

P.S. If you're a woman wondering how to thrive in a do-it-all world, Shaunti Feldhahn has authored a FamilyLife book, **"the Life Ready woman"** that gives you 5 Biblical faith steps to draw closer to God. If you'd like a copy of this book please let us know and we'll ship it to you!

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