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Routine Maintenance...by Lila

The other day, I was looking at my wedding ring. I had on my strongest reading glasses (some of you will know what I mean), and I noticed that one of the prongs was quite worn—almost flat. I then began to see nicks and scrapes on the gold as well. I realized that it had been a long time since I had taken my ring in to the jewelers for cleaning and repair. It's funny, because when we were first married, I made sure to have it inspected every year. It doesn't mean that it's not special to me now, but maybe I just take it for granted. That's a picture of how our marriages and significant relationships can be, as well. Has it been a long time since you did "routine maintenance" on any special relationships? FamilyLife has a number of resources that can help. You can visit www.familylife.com to find relevant articles to read for free. If you're interested in books, a few good ones are [Rekindling the Romance](#), [The Remarriage Checkup](#), or [Practicing Affirmation](#). These are all available by clicking on the Store heading on the web page. You can also sign up for a Weekend to Remember event or even the Love Like You Mean It cruise next February. Let's not wait until the diamond falls out of the ring to do something!

Bless you, Steve, Lila, Marshall and Maddie



Welcome to Steve's erasable board in his cube at FamilyLife. It's commonly referred to as a SWE (Strategic Work Environment!). You'll notice that things are blurry...I have personal notes by Kansas visitors on this board and I'd love to show them to you! If you come see us in Little Rock then you'll be able to see what they say and add your personal note too!

FamilyLife presents...*STEPPING UP, A Call to Courageous Manhood*, National Men's simulcast with Dennis Rainey, Bob LePine, James MacDonald, Crawford Loritts and Robert Lewis on **Sat., August 4th 9am-1pm E.D.T.**

What's the most courageous thing you've ever done? For years this has been a favorite question for Dennis Rainey to ask men. What he realized is many men don't have an answer. Do you? Today too many men are confused about what "courageous manhood" looks like. Topics are; What does biblical manhood look like, what does it mean to be a Godly & courageous man in today's world, how can men lead at home, at work, and in the community, why men desperately need the accountability of other men and why being passive about manhood is not an option in today's society. **To register at a location in your area or to host at your church see**

www.familylife.com/steppingup

- PRAISE that 802 of 19,973 spring *Weekend to Remember* attendees trusted in Jesus as their Savior and 7,183 of those attendees stated a desire to minister through FamilyLife to marriages in their sphere of influence!
- PRAISE for Lila's knee that she hurt a few weeks ago—the good news is that there was not a tear meaning no surgery is necessary! Her right kneecap is not tracking right. PRAY that her physical therapy appointments will result in sufficiently strengthening the muscles around her knee. She has had four appointments so far and may need 8-12 additional sessions.
- PRAISE to God for everyone who responded to help us MEET our \$2,500 Match in June—we are so humbled by the way you responded...the match donations, assuming our pledges continue to come in as they have recently, should make up the monthly deficit we have for 6+ months!!!