

1. God Designed the Family and is Restoring it.

One flesh. Be fruitful and multiply. (Genesis 1:28, 2:24). (Malachi 4:6)

2. We have been Divinely Authorized to be the Head. Authority comes with Responsibility

“The husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church.” (Ephesians 5:23)

“The authority the Lord has given me to strengthen you, not to tear you down.” (2 Cor 13:10 NLT)

“The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms.” (Deut. 33:27)

Hardest Year

Baggage Revealed

Radioactive Waste

Best Year

God loves and likes me

John 15:9–10, 12

3. God’s Plan to Equip His Son

“Jesus was baptized, He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on Him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’” (Matthew 3:16–17)

Jesus was a loved Son, before embarking on His life’s mission to be a loving sacrificial Savior.

4. God’s Plan for Loving and Building Up Our Wives, the New Commandment

“Love each other in the same way I have loved you.” (John 15:12 NLT)

5. Eyes on Jesus, “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church.” (Ephesians 5:25)

“The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28)

“Whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Matthew 16:25)

6. Faithful Fathers

Convey to children that they belong—they are beloved—and they are well-pleasing.

Birthday cards, light up when you see them, initiate lunches.

7. God’s Plan to Equip His Adopted Sons

“Be filled with the Spirit.” (Ephesians 5:18)

8. Margarine Container

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18)

Husband – Podcasts 218–229, <http://www.buildingfaithfamilies.org/podcasts/>

Father – Podcasts 230–238

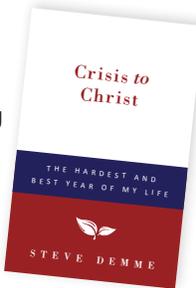
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CRISIS TO CHRIST, THE HARDEST AND BEST YEAR OF MY LIFE

This difficult time was instrumental in changing my life and transforming my most important relationships. My pain led me to acknowledge my own needs, and get help from the body of Christ. I am now in the best place I have ever been with God and my family.



KNOWING GOD'S LOVE, BECOMING ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN GRACE

I have believed in my mind that God loves me for over forty years. And now I know that He likes me for who I am and not because of what I do. His care for me is not tied to my performance but to His unconditional grace.



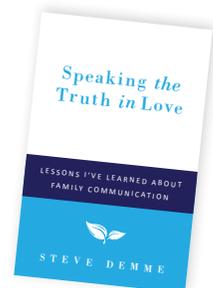
LOVED TO LOVE, WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US

The new command does not consider how I want to be loved, but how I have been loved. The more I comprehend how Jesus loves me, the better equipped I am to love my wife and children as I have been loved.



SPEAKING THE TRUTH IN LOVE, LESSONS I'VE LEARNED ABOUT FAMILY COMMUNICATION

My relationship with my wife and children is built on safe communication that builds up and encourages each person without quenching or wounding their spirit. I am learning how to thoughtfully respond instead of emotionally reacting.



HYMNS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

This time-honored collection of 100 classic hymns will be a rich addition to your family worship. In addition to the music for these sacred songs, the history of each hymn enhances the meaning of the lyrics, as do the four CDs with piano accompaniment for singing along.



FAMILY WORSHIP

In this readable and encouraging book, Steve shares practical scripture-based tips for teaching the word of God to children of all ages. He also addresses common obstacles we all face in establishing the discipline of regular family worship. Be encouraged by Steve's experiences teaching his four sons, and learn from other families who share strategies that have worked for their children. *FREE if you read/listen to it within 30 days.



STEWARDSHIP CURRICULUM

"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Luke 12:34)

God calls us to love Him with all our heart and be faithful stewards of our God-given treasure. Half of the curriculum is focused on our "heart" relationship with God and the other half with being wise stewards of our "treasure." Algebra 1 is a prerequisite.

A Sampling of "Treasure Topics"

Earning Money, Taxes, Banking and Interest, Credit Cards, Comparison Shopping, Cost of Operating a Car, Wise Charitable Giving, Starting Your Own Business, and more.

B Taste of "Heart Studies"

The Love of Money, Trusting God and Being Content, Purchase with Prayer, Work is a God Thing, Our Identity in Christ, Honor Your Father and Mother, Guard Your Heart, and more.



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