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04 05 2017 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. In the first hour Al talks about the children who point us to Christ. Al interviews Austin Ruse who shares stories of children who suffer during their short lives but were incredible witness to God's love. These children teach adults lessons on subjects such as unconditional love, self sacrifice, life, death and suffering. In another topic, Al talks with Jared Staudt who gives steps about how to put Catholic in Catholic schooling. In some Catholic schools across the country, other than a religious education class and occasional Mass, the curriculum and school environment is indistinguishable from secular schools. Catholic schools should exist to create Disciples of Christ.

In the second hour Al interviews Andy Crouch on how to go beyond technology for instant gratification. Andy wrote a book titled, *The TechWise Family How to put Technology in its Proper Place*. Andy argues that technology is a wonderful tool, but it can also be distracting and even harmful when used improperly. Making conscientious choices about technology is more than just using internet filters and limiting screen time. It's about developing wisdom and character in the way we use digital media and it is definitely not just for kids.

04 17 2017 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. In the first hour, Al interviews Gary Habermas to discuss the historical evidence for the Resurrection. Issues discussed were topics such as, how do we know Jesus really rose? Can we trust the accounts of uneducated fishermen from two millennia ago? What other sources do we have to verify their claims?

In the second hour, Al interviews Mark Shea for an examination of the historical case for Christ's Resurrection.

05 09 2017 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. October 31 is the 500th anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation, and Al will be talking about it throughout the year. Steve Ray will be leading a pilgrimage in September to visit the sites where the Reformation began, discuss Luther's theology and explain strong Catholic answers to Protestant ideas on Scripture, Salvation and more. Also going on this pilgrimage will be Fr. Steve Thomlison, a convert from Lutheranism as well as Ken Hensley, a convert from Protestantism and expert on Martin Luther. Steve Ray joins Al today to give a sneak preview of what the pilgrimage will entail. Also in this hour, Rick Hess, an education expert joins Al with a look at some of the biggest issues in the education system and what politicians' ideas to fix it.

In the second hour, Monica Miller joins Al to recap the April 28 nationwide protest of Planned Parenthood and to discuss what happens next. Also in this hour, Rodney Stark joins Al to talk about a comprehensive God-centered theory of religion. Why is it that the majority of people, from all socio-economic, education, and ethnic backgrounds, ascribe to some sort of faith? What draws us to religion? What pushes us away? And what exactly is religion anyway? Defining religion over the past century has, ironically, led to theories that exclude belief in God, proposing that all systems of thought concerning the meaning of life are religions. This makes it impossible to distinguish between beliefs and presumes that people knowingly pray to an empty sky. Rodney works through all these theories.

05 18 2017 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. In the first hour, Al talks about why the reformation happened. Al talks with Ken Hensley about this topic and what we can do now to help bridge the gaps between Catholics and Protestants. This year is the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Al also talks about what we do when we hit rock-bottom. We know we need help, but we're often afraid to let anyone, especially God, see how broken we truly are. Times of desperation are precisely the right time to call out to God. Al talks with Heather King, a survivor of addiction and other forms of desperation, as she gives the basics of how to pray when you feel you're beyond God's reach.

In the second hour, Al talks with Dr. Meg Meeker about the state of sex ed in our nation's schools. A public high school in Southeast Michigan is considering changes to the Sex Ed curriculum which would include bringing in Planned Parenthood officials to teach on methods of contraception, LGBTQ issues and more. Al and Dr. Meeker take a look at the story. Lastly, Al gives a commentary on the topic *If Humans are Exceptional, are Animals Nothing.*

06 16 2017 at 1600 Kresta in the Afternoon 120 minutes Broadcaster, journalist, author and public speaker, Al Kresta takes a closer look at current events, issues, and ideas. In the first hour Al interviews Dr. Peter Williamson on a series titled, *Where Do I Start With* this time looking at Timothy and Titus.

In the second hour, Al gives an update on the Chaldean arrests by interviewing Martin Manna, President of the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce. Also, Al interviews Ashley McGuire to look at the drive to abolish male and female, which seems to prevail in American culture today. The widespread acceptance of the homosexual lifestyle has paved the way for the gender revolution. Time magazine declared it the next civil rights frontier and National Geographic featured a transgender girl on its cover. But no judge or celebrity can change what God created. Al and Ashley talk about this topic in American culture.

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