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ISSUE 1: AUTISM

PROGRAM TITLE: Family Life Today

PROGRAM SOURCE: Family Life Today, Orlando, Florida

PROGRAM DATE, TIME, AND DURATION: October 2nd and 3rd 9:00 AM/PM, 30 minutes

PROGRAM HOST: Dave and Ann Wilson

PROGRAM GUEST: SPEAKER: Author and radio host Brant Hansen

DESCRIPTION: Author Brant Hansen explained how an autism diagnosis in his 30s rocked his world. Brant got real about the social and faith-related challenges of life on the spectrum—as well as practical ways to embrace anyone living with autism and how to help in social situations. He shared how his wife discovered that both Brant and their son were dealing with it and could work together on handling it as a family. Brant offered real life pointers for parents and spouses of those on the spectrum.

ISSUE 2: MASCULINITY

PROGRAM TITLE: Family Life Today

PROGRAM SOURCE: Family Life Today, Orlando, Florida

PROGRAM DATE, TIME, AND DURATION: October 9th through the 11th 9:00 AM/PM, 30 minutes

PROGRAM HOST: Dave and Ann Wilson

PROGRAM GUEST: SPEAKER: Author and professor Nancy Pearcy

DESCRIPTION: Pearcy discussed why the script for masculinity has turned somewhat toxic and how Christianity reconciles the war between the sexes, renovating manhood for good. She was blown away by how hostile the rhetoric is today/how acceptable it is to say things negatively, mentioning books that are available and have titles like: I Hate Men, and No Good Men, and Are Men Necessary? Pearcy went on to explore sociological data that found that evangelical family men—meaning husbands and fathers—who attend church regularly are the most loving husbands and the most engaged fathers. Compared to the average American family man, evangelical men are the most loving to their wives. The women report the highest levels of being happy with the way their husbands treat them, with feeling loved and appreciated. They [evangelical fathers] are the most engaged with their children, both in shared activities, like sports and church youth group, and in discipline, like setting screen time or setting bedtime. They are the least likely to divorce of any group in America—and here's the real stunner—they have the lowest rates of domestic violence of any major group in America.

ISSUE 3: MEN AND MISCARRIAGE

PROGRAM TITLE: Focus on the Family

PROGRAM SOURCE: Focus on The Family, Colorado Springs, Colorado

PROGRAM DATE, TIME, AND DURATION: October 13th 9:30 AM/PM, 30 minutes

PROGRAM HOST: Jim Daly and John Fuller

PROGRAM GUEST: SPEAKER: Dave Deets, author of When Men Have Miscarriages-finding hope amidst silent pain, and Vice President of The Institute of Biblical Leadership

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Dave Deets shares about the four miscarriages he experienced with his wife. Recognizing the lack of resources for men dealing with miscarriages, he wrote When Men Have Miscarriages to help families through these difficult times. In the interview, he talked about how men like himself and those he has walked alongside often feel disconnected from the pregnancy their wives are experiencing and have trouble expressing their own grief about miscarriage.

ISSUE 4: MENTAL ILLNESS

PROGRAM TITLE: Focus on the Family

PROGRAM SOURCE: Focus on The Family, Colorado Springs, Colorado

PROGRAM DATE, TIME, AND DURATION: October 23rd 9:30 AM/PM, 30 minutes

PROGRAM HOST: Jim Daly and John Fuller

PROGRAM GUEST: SPEAKER: Dr. Matthew Stanford, CEO of the Hope and Healing Center & Institute in Houston, Texas, and adjunct professor of psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine and the Houston Methodist Hospital Institute for Academic Medicine.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Dr. Stanford offered a compassionate look at mental illness, which affects one in five teens and adults in the United States. He discussed the need for overcoming the stigma of reaching out for help and encourages the church community to offer hope and healing for families with loved ones suffering with mental health issues. Stanford noted that we think about mental disorders or mental illness as more of an adult issue, but the reality is that 50% of chronic mental health conditions are in place by 14 years of age, or puberty. He explained how mental health problems are a combination of biology and our environment. And so, biology, the vulnerabilities that we bring to life and then the stressors of the environment are what ultimately cause these things to manifest.

ISSUE 5: COMMUNICATING WITH TEENS

PROGRAM TITLE: Focus on the Family

PROGRAM SOURCE: Focus on The Family, Colorado Springs, Colorado

PROGRAM DATE, TIME, AND DURATION: October 30th and 31st 9:30 AM/PM, 30 minutes

PROGRAM HOST: Jim Daly and John Fuller

PROGRAM GUEST: SPEAKER: Dr. Ken Wilgus, a licensed psychologist who specializes in the treatment of adolescents and their families, couples therapy, and individual therapy with adults. He is also author of Feeding the Mouth That Bites You: A Complete Guide to Parenting Adolescents and Launching Them into the World.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Dr. Wilgus explained how parents often struggle to communicate effectively during the teen years. Dr. Wilgus encouraged moms and dads to relax a little bit, back off from micromanaging, and start treating their teens more like budding adults. This includes showing them more respect and communicating with them the same way you would another adult.

ISSUE 6: KIDS AND VIDEO GAMES

PROGRAM TITLE: Family Life Today

PROGRAM SOURCE: Family Life Today, Orlando, Florida

PROGRAM DATE, TIME, AND DURATION: November 15th through the 17th 9:00 AM/PM, 30 minutes

PROGRAM HOST: Dave and Ann Wilson

PROGRAM GUEST: SPEAKER: Drew Dixon, co-founder of Love Thy Nerd

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Navigating the video game world as a parent can be confusing. Dixon shared five clear ideas of classic parenting mistakes around gaming, and a better way of managing the situations that parents will encounter over time when it comes to gaming. Dixon noted that there is reason to be concerned about overindulgence in video games, and the medical community is discussing video games being addictive and whether they should be clinically classified. There is a clinical classification in the ICD for video game addiction (the International Classification of Diseases). Statistically, it is not a huge percentage of our population that is addicted to video games. Something like one percent of all gamers would classify as addicted.

ISSUE 7: SCREEN TIME

PROGRAM TITLE: Focus on the Family

PROGRAM SOURCE: Focus on The Family, Colorado Springs, Colorado

PROGRAM DATE, TIME, AND DURATION: November 24th 9:30 AM/PM, 30 minutes

PROGRAM HOST: Jim Daly and John Fuller

PROGRAM GUEST: SPEAKER: David Murrow, author of Drowning in Screen Time

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: With forty years in the TV business and from personal experience, Murrow understands the negative effects from overuse of screens and discussed the positive and negative uses of various media and offered great practical advice for parents as they guide their children and manage screens in their homes. He notes that when we started carrying these devices around with us all the time, we began filling that down time with screen time. So, our brains never rest. And all this anxiety and depression, it is not necessarily because of the content that we're consuming. It is because our brains have never rest, and we're on high alert all the time.

ISSUE 8: MARRIAGE

PROGRAM TITLE: Focus on the Family

PROGRAM SOURCE: Focus on The Family, Colorado Springs, Colorado

PROGRAM DATE, TIME, AND DURATION: November 29th and 30th 9:30 AM/PM, 30 minutes

PROGRAM HOST: Jim Daly and John Fuller

PROGRAM GUEST: SPEAKER: Pastor and Dr. Gary Chapman, author of The Five Love Languages

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Dr. Chapman explained how marital affairs begin, and encouraged those listening to invest in their marriage, instead of fanning the flames of infatuation with someone else. He emphasized the importance of knowing and using your spouse's love language, to keep their 'love tank' full. He detailed out the five different love languages and the importance of husbands and wives understanding that they can have different languages but need to know one another's and how to respond accordingly.

ISSUE 9: ABORTION

PROGRAM TITLE: Focus on the Family

PROGRAM SOURCE: Focus on The Family, Colorado Springs, Colorado

PROGRAM DATE, TIME, AND DURATION: December 12th and 13th 9:30 AM/PM, 30 minutes

PROGRAM HOST: Jim Daly and John Fuller

PROGRAM GUEST: SPEAKER: Abby Johnson, author of the book Unplanned

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Abby recounted what God has done in her life since she originally released her book Unplanned and her healing process since leaving Planned Parenthood. She described how the Lord helped heal her marriage and gave her a desire for more children. She also discovered a passion to help other people leave the abortion industry like she did, and formed a ministry called And Then There Were None. She shared statistics about the abortion industry that pointed out abortion is not normal. Working in the abortion clinic is not normal. Most workers that come into her ministry have diagnosable post-traumatic stress disorder. Thirty-eight percent of the workers who, um, have come to our ministry have suicidal ideation, which shows you how profound the trauma is of abortion, and just how unnatural and how abnormal abortion is.

ISSUE 10: BOUNDARIES IN RELATIONSHIPS

PROGRAM TITLE: Focus on the Family

PROGRAM SOURCE: Focus on The Family, Colorado Springs, Colorado

PROGRAM DATE, TIME, AND DURATION: December 20th and 21st 9:30 AM/PM, 30 minutes

PROGRAM HOST: Jim Daly and John Fuller

PROGRAM GUEST: SPEAKER: Lysa TerKeurst, President of Proverbs 31 Ministries and author of *Forgiving What You Can't Forget*, *It's Not Supposed to Be This Way* and *Uninvited*.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Lysa reflected on the death of her marriage and how she had to place boundaries in her life to protect her own mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. She offered insight, biblical wisdom, and encouragement to those needing to establish boundaries with others. She explained how we must have a realistic understanding that communication is vitally important and there are healthy ways and unhealthy ways to have conversations. And so, boundaries really provide a structure for us to be able to communicate where the freedom is in the relationship. What is acceptable and what is not acceptable and we have the opportunity to state what we do have to give and what we don't have to give. The real struggle sometimes in relationships is where we feel like we cannot say what we know needs to be said either because we are afraid of the change that, that might happen in that relationship, we're afraid that that person might reject us, abandon us or ghost us. She shared that if we are that afraid that this person would reject us, then you're really in a relationship where that person is probably going to reject you eventually anyways.