



WAKW - FM
Quarterly Issues Report

4th Quarter 2016

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Through its ascertainment process, Star 93.3 (WAKW-FM) has determined that the following issues were important to the Cincinnati, Ohio region and surrounding communities in the **4th Quarter of 2016**:

- Economy/Jobs
- Family well-being
- Public Safety
- Health
- Financial matters
- Government
- Education

Programs addressing issues:

- Focus On The Family – Weekdays 5am to 5:30 am and 10:00pm to 10:30pm
- Keep The Faith – Weekdays 7pm to 10pm and Sundays 9am to 2pm and 7pm to 12 am

“FOCUS ON THE FAMILY”

Monday, October 3: Practical Advice for Parenting Strong-willed Children - I

Author Cynthia Tobias shares practical ideas to stop the conflict, take control and bring peace back to your home!

Tuesday, October 4: Practical Advice for Parenting Strong-willed Children - II

Author Cynthia Tobias helps you win the battle against stubbornness...without being combative.

Friday, October 7: Simple Ways to Show Your Husband You Love Him

How can you better show your husband how much you love him? Kathi Lipp offers insights on your husband's personality and equips you with simple, practical ways you can build him up through words of affirmation and acts of service and love.

Monday, October 10: Additional Insights on the Strong-Willed Child

Author Cynthia Tobias found out what it takes to raise difficult children.

Tuesday, October 11: Helping Your Child Deal with Bullies

Anti-bullying expert Nancy Rue sheds light on bullying and ways that educators, parents, and children can stop it. With heart-wrenching stories, Nancy offers practical tips and hope to help your child deal with bullies.

Wednesday, October 12: Respect: A Marriage Essential – I

Why is it that sometimes, two ‘good-willed’ people just can’t get along? Dr. Emerson Eggerichs explains that most married couples have communication styles that work *against* their relationship, resulting in frustration and despair.

Thursday, October 13: Respect: A Marriage Essential – II

Dr. Emerson Eggerichs explains how both men and women can end a disagreement gracefully, and find common ground.

Friday, October 14: Caregiving with Grace and Honor

Jane Daly shares about the challenges and the privilege of honoring her parents, while caring for them in their later years. The important daily decisions involved in caregiving, while leaning on God’s grace to both BE a blessing and to RECEIVE a blessing in this season of life.

Tuesday, October 18: Healthy Manhood in Marriage

Jim Daly wants to remind husbands what healthy masculinity is all about — serving and sacrificing for your wife, avoiding passivity, and pursuing purity in your thought-life!

Wednesday, October 19: How God Saved Me from Suicide - I

As a teenager, Lacey was convinced life wasn’t worth living — but then God intervened. She was literally snatched from despair and suicide to become a vibrant witness for Christ!

Thursday, October 20: How God Saved Me from Suicide - II

Lacey Sturm is a former suicidal teen transformed into a “hard rock princess.” Today she’s a voice of God’s love, healing and power for people who have only known pain and dysfunction.

Friday, October 21: Giving Your Preschooler a Good Foundation

Parents of preschoolers can put themselves under a whole lot of pressure, barking out orders and trying to juggle everything under the sun, with the hope their children will turn out right. Tim Sanford offers some simple advice about giving your children a choice and a voice to help them prepare for the future.

Monday, October 24: The Importance of Voting

In America, through voting, you have the privilege of making your community, your state, and your country a better place to live. John Stonestreet and Carrie Gordon Earll will help you to see the local and national influence you can have by the simple act of voting in November.

Thursday & Friday, October 27 & 28: Recognizing Your Son's Need for Respect - I

Love is important, but respect is the key to your son's heart! Dr. Emerson Eggerich shares how moms can understand their sons and develop a strong and vibrant relationship

Monday, October 31: Nurturing Your Spouse's Heart

What's a secret to great relationships? Dr. Greg Smalley says it's "having an open heart." Greg explains how you can nourish and cherish your spouse's heart to help your relationship thrive!

Tuesday-Wednesday, November 1-2: Loving Kids in Foster Care – I & II

Country musician Jimmy Wayne shares his story of a challenging childhood, rise to fame, and walk halfway across America to raise awareness for kids trapped in the foster care system. A reminder that we can all make a difference in the life of a child.

Thursday, November 3: Being Your Daughter's Hero

Dr. Michelle Watson explores the connection between a father and his daughter, offering encouragement and practical ways you can "click" with your daughter. You'll hear stories and inspiration to enrich that special relationship.

Monday, November 7: A Single Vote

A creative drama about voting — and why your vote matters more than you think! Remember, Election Day is tomorrow — so we all need to pray about that important outcome for our nation!

Thursday-Friday, November 10-11: How God Saved a Military Marriage – I & II

Their marriage was saved through prayer and two willing hearts...Former military couple, Chad and Kathy Robichaux share how God helped them to overcome PTSD and a separation to see their marriage strengthened and restored. Hear the details of how they survived against the odds.

Monday, November 14: Discovering the Secrets of a Happy Marriage

Fawn Weaver took a worldwide tour to learn the secrets of happy marriage, and now she's sharing them with you! From stories of couples in Asia, Africa, and right here in North America, to Fawn's personal marriage journey, you'll be encouraged to seek the best in your spouse and choose happiness in your marriage

Wednesday, November 16: Finding Respite for Families in Adoption and Foster Care

The journey for foster and adoptive parents is mentally and physically EXHAUSTING...and they need your help. Two couples will talk about how you can provide valuable rest and renewal for these families, who have invested so much into caring for children in need.

Thursday, November 17: Raising Teachable Kids - I

With a little intentionality, you can raise great kids! Learn the importance of listening to your child, always looking and pointing out the positives you see in them, and how you can effectively handle tantrums.

Friday, November 18: Raising Teachable Kids - II

Your kids need you to teach them good coping skills. Hear practical advice on how to help your kids process through their angry thoughts and think flexibly. Also, advice on reducing sibling rivalry in your home, and modeling the life skills you want you want them to learn.

Wednesday, November 23: Connecting with Your Tech-Obsessed Kid

In your home, is technology a tool, or a crutch? Jonathan McKee offers fun ways to get your teen to put down the phone and connect with the family. You'll learn some great tips to help them move from being tech-dependent to tech-enabled.

Thursday, November 24: Celebrating the Miracle of Thanksgiving

Happy Thanksgiving! Eric Metaxas joins us to share the amazing, but often forgotten, story of Squanto—a Native American who helped the pilgrims survive a harsh winter, giving all of us a reason to celebrate.

Friday, November 25: Managing your Finances at Christmastime

The holidays are expensive, and communicating with your spouse about finances can be difficult. "The money couple," Scott and Bethany Palmer, about how you can celebrate the season without breaking the bank.

Monday-Tuesday, November 28-29: Uncovering Your Mom Personality – I & II

You are the exact mom that your child needs! South African mother of three, Hettie Britz describes the four main "tree" personality types of moms: boxwood, rosebush, palm tree, and pine...as she unpacks the positive and negative traits of each. Practical ways to use your personality in your parenting and marriage

Wednesday, November 30: Reclaiming Hope after Losing a Spouse

,” Rob and Tricia Williford took each other for granted at times in their marriage. She was impressed to begin journaling and writing down all the things she appreciated about him. Then, something happened that she could have never prepared herself for. Tricia will talk about living with no regrets and finding joy every day in every circumstance.

Monday, December 5: Rethinking Your Parenting Strategies - I

Maybe you know this frustration — your child keeps misbehaving and nothing you do seems to work! Some new strategies for parents — where you talk less, enforce consequences, and let your kids learn from their mistakes!

Tuesday, December 6: Rethinking Your Parenting Strategies - II

Sometimes the best lesson your child can learn will come from life itself! Why you need to step back and see how kids will solve their own problems — rather than rushing in to help every time.

Wednesday, December 7: Learning from History's Greatest Men and Women - I

Heroes are important, because they inspire us to accept the call of God in our lives and change the world. Eric Metaxas will share what we can learn and apply in our own lives from George Washington, Jackie Robinson, and Chuck Colson.

Thursday, December 8: Learning from History's Greatest Men and Women - II

God can do amazing things in your life when you accept his call! Eric Metaxas will share what we can learn and apply in our own lives from Susanna Wesley, Hannah More, and Mother Teresa.

Friday, December 9: Adding Some Spice to Your Marriage

Pastor Ted Cunningham offers a hilarious look at communication in marriage, plus tips to help husbands and wives add some 'spice' to their relationship.

Monday-Tuesday, December 12-13: Intelligence: Discovering Your Child's Unique Gifts - I & II

Your child is smart...and perhaps in a way you've never considered! Dr. Kathy Koch introduces and explores eight facets of our intelligence to help you identify and cultivate your child's unique gifts.

Wednesday, December 14: Staying Committed Through the Rough Seasons of Marriage - I

Al and Lisa Robertson, of *Duck Dynasty* fame, share their dramatic stories of difficult childhoods, wild teen years, and challenging relationships.

Thursday, December 15: Staying Committed Through the Rough Seasons of Marriage - II

Al and Lisa Robertson, from the *Duck Commander* clan, share the extraordinary story of their tumultuous marriage. They'll talk about wounds from the past and hurtful choices that led to adultery and separation, and how through it all, God was faithful.

Friday, December 16: Staying Committed Through the Rough Seasons of Marriage - III

Al and Lisa Robertson, of the *Duck Dynasty* family, share how God redeemed their marriage, carrying them through the pain of adultery and betrayal to a healed relationship. Through the testimony of their struggles, they offer hope and wisdom for marriages in all seasons

Monday, December 19: Discovering Your Love Style - I

The way you show love to others—especially your spouse—has a lot to do with how you were taught to love as a child. Discover your love style and learn what steps you can take toward loving the way God does.

Tuesday, December 20: Discovering Your Love Style - II

No matter how long you've been married, you've likely developed patterns in the way you love your spouse. Discover your love style and how to break free from negative patterns to create a deeper, richer marriage.

Wednesday & Thursday, December 21 & 22: Overcoming Rejection to Live in God's Love - I

God loves you for who you are, not for what you do. Lysa TerKeurst shares how you can overcome deep-seated rejection and recognize your value as a child dearly loved by God.

KEEP THE FAITH

October 2, 2016 - ISSUE: RELATIONSHIPS & MARRIAGE

Hour 1

Some of us are outgoing, others shy. Some love control, others like to follow. So what about being empathetic towards others? Are we born with it? Dr. Michele Borba is a psychologist who shares her insights with us.

It's easy to feel all alone when you're in the middle of a storm. Our friend Steve Brown says we're not as alone as we may feel.

Hour 2

In our always connected world, staying focused can be tough. Max Lucado has also felt that way and has encouragement to help us stay focused when we pray.

We try to avoid them because it hurts. But KeepTheFaith's Confidence Coach Trish Blackwell says sometimes we need a good face-plant.

Hour 3

Some people have no problem saying what needs to be said, others, not so much. KeepTheFaith's Relationship Chef Dr. Joe Beam says if we want to move forward, we must share the tough stuff too.

What if our problem sometimes isn't dreaming too big, but instead, dreaming too small? Shari Rigby had that problem, but God showed her a different path.

Hour 4

If we know that what we're doing is hurting us, why do we still do it? That's something Natalie Grant has asked herself over the years. In her new book, "Finding Your Voice," she shares about a destructive relationship in her past and why we sometimes cling to what we shouldn't.

Everything is going along just as it should, and then...WHAM! Life changes and a huge flood emotions fills your soul. When a tragedy struck those close to Ron Luce, he experienced a conflict of emotions unlike anything else.

Hour 5

So many people live their lives beaten down...feeling like hope is a word that applies to someone else. Andy Andrews knows that feeling. There was a time in his life when he was down and out, living under a pier.

There's a great quote that says, "Forgive someone today. Especially if that someone is you." Elisa Morgan talks about the trouble we tend to have seeing our true selves. And Elisa says part of that, is not being able to let go of our failures.

October 9, 2016 - ISSUE: RELATIONSHIPS & MARRIAGE

Hour 1

The concept that God has called us to forgive is not a new one. Shannon DeGarmo learned that the hard way after her marriage ended painfully and she found herself experiencing life as a single mom. Shannon has discovered that forgiveness is a journey.

If someone who lived a hundred years ago were to look at us today...I wonder if they would get tired just watching! Dee Ann Turner knows what it's like to constantly be doing. She opens up about what makes it all work. And one of the keys is rest.

Hour 2

We don't often think that caring is something we have to teach. Dr. Michele Borba says it's time to think differently. Michele says you can teach your kids empathy at any age...in fact, she started with her own early.

You may wear all kinds of hats in life. To some maybe you're a boss, others a co-worker. But when you get home, the hat changes. It's easy to be confused about your identity. To a lot of people, Chris Tomlin is a superstar. But to his kids...he's simply dad.

Hour 3

Whether you're a child or an adult, it can be frustrating when we can't get what we want, but sometimes, that's for the best. Our friend Steve Brown shares what he has learned.

Pain sticks...sometimes forever. How do you keep it from defining your life? It's something Christa Black Gifford has struggled with. She opens up about the emotional pain of her childhood, and how she found healing.

Hour 4

It's a lot easier to be a positive, loving, person when you're taking in positive things. But the tendency is to forget the good, and remember the negative. KeepTheFaith's Confidence Coach Trish Blackwell says that what's in our pockets can help change that.

Just about all of us have done it...deciding to make a major change in our lifestyle, or tackling a project with lots of excitement, and then...reality crashes in. Dan Wilt has a great story about how you can make lasting change in your life.

Hour 5

When what we've done is bad, really bad, we'll sometimes do anything to try to wash away the regret. Mike Foster has tried, but found a better way. Mike almost killed a man in a water skiing accident but shares about the hope he's found.

Sometimes we get so focused on impacting everyone else, that we forget the ones who matter most. Joel Smallbone and his brother Luke head up the band, "For King & Country." But you can see Joel in a new movie they've created called "Priceless." While in the middle of making it, Joel learned a valuable lesson for his own family.

October 16, 2016 - ISSUE: RELATIONSHIPS & MARRIAGE

Hour 1

It's been said, "do what is right, not what is easy." Well, that's hard. As a child, Bianca Juarez Olthoff's family was in great need...all because of a decision her dad made that was right.

If you stop and think about it, it may have been a while since you had a good laugh. If that's you, maybe you could use a heavy dose of the best medicine from Nick Arnette.

Hour 2

Sometimes the "little" things, that we do over and over, make the biggest impact. Rachel Joy Scott's life is proof of it. She was one of the victims in the Columbine High School shooting. Masey McClain plays the role of Rachel in the new movie "I'm Not Ashamed" and shares how her life was about more than just one moment.

If you've ever felt like giving up, you're not alone, Louie Giglio has been there. Today he encourages people around the world with his inspirational messages. Louie says, if you're at rock bottom, you're in the right place for an improbable comeback!

Hour 3

If you want help, you ask an expert. KeepTheFaith's Relationship Chef Dr. Joe Beam will tell you, even the experts have their share of problems. Joe shares some advice from his own relationship.

We often live our lives like we're driving a car with only one pedal...the accelerator. It's just a constant go, go, go. Need a break? Shauna Niequist longs to help women find balance and she has some encouragement to share.

Hour 4

You have it all planned, the perfect get away. Then something unexpected happens, now you have a trip that's memorable. Chris Tomlin shares a story of a vacation destination where even he was surprised his music had made an impact.

We never know who's watching and maybe, just maybe, the decisions we make with the circumstances we're given can inspire someone else. Joni Eareckson Tada's story is proof! It all started after she was paralyzed in a diving accident.

Hour 5

When the morning alarm goes off, what if we didn't groan...but cheered? As strange as it sounds, KeepTheFaith's Confidence Coach Trish Blackwell says this kind of full, exciting life is possible.

It's been said that "in order to succeed, we must first believe we can." Our friend David Salyers knows a thing or two about success. David says YOU can experience that too, and it begins...in your home.

October 23, 2016 - ISSUE: RELATIONSHIPS & MARRIAGE

Hour 1

When you've messed up BIG time, have you ever just wished for a giant eraser? Jon Weece says it's the day-to-day situations we encounter that sometimes show us the most about God's grace.

There's a strong temptation to protect our kids from failure, so it's easy to point out obstacles and limitations. But Jen Bricker didn't grow up like that. You see, Jen doesn't have legs. But her parents had a special rule in their family, "Never say can't." So she didn't.

Hour 2

When we choose to forgive, it's like releasing chains from our own soul. But there's also great power in asking for forgiveness. Lisa Harper shares a story about a time when she was faced with some of the hardest words we have to say...“I'm sorry.”

Maybe you've messed up again. Can something beautiful really come out of this mess? Max Lucado has discovered a wonderful story from a small town in Paraguay that offers hope no matter what you've done.

Hour 3

As adults, it's easy to think we have it all figured it out already, but KeepTheFaith's Confidence Coach Trish Blackwell discovered that we can learn a lot from an unlikely source...babies!

When things just keep going against you, is there any hope? Chris Tomlin shares the encouragement he's found in his new album, “Never Lose Sight.”

Hour 4

Our mistakes have a way of building walls...hiding our weaknesses and blocking us from going there again. And that could be another mistake. Mike Foster shares how to really experience all that God has for us by embracing everything.

It's fun to think about our destiny and what might happen to us down the road. But what if destiny isn't just about the future? Jon Foreman of Switchfoot shares the most important things he's discovered about living a life of purpose.

Hour 5

When it comes to bringing balance to a hectic life, the one thing that usually never works is winging it! Dee Ann Turner longs to have success not only at work, but also at home.

We can't always change circumstances, but people can always change. Delilah has an organization called Point Hope, which helps kids in Haiti and West Africa. One of those kids was Angel, who had been abused and abandoned. She was set up to be a statistic, until love walked in.

October 30, 2016 - ISSUE: RELATIONSHIPS & MARRIAGE

Hour 1

When you get together with family, you bring food, gifts and maybe even a little patience. KeepTheFaith's Relationship Chef, Dr. Joe Beam, works up a recipe each week to help us make the most of the moments we have with the ones we love.

Birds of a feather flock together. It's a strong tug because it's comfortable. But Jon Foreman of Switchfoot has always tried to resist it. Jon says to truly make a difference, we have to step out of our comfortable boxes.

Hour 2

We all have times in life when we just need to know someone cares. KeepTheFaith's Confidence Coach Trish Blackwell, says often times comfort is closer than we think.

Our friend Steve Brown says when we understand who we really are, no matter what's happening, there's always some good news!

Hour 3

Sometimes we just feel ordinary, like we have no real impact on the world. Well someone once said that "truth doesn't stop being true because we don't believe it. And the truth is, you matter." Paul Young would agree and he shares why your story matters.

When we reach out to help someone else, so often we're the ones who benefit the most. When Leigh Anne Tuohy and her husband saw Michael Oher shivering in the street one night, they turned the car around and eventually took him in...not just for a night, but for forever.

Hour 4

What if you believe in your dreams, and nothing seems to be happening? Is your dream wrong? Adonis Lenzy doesn't think so.

It's funny how the most unlikely things can be a window into our own souls. Dave Burchett shares what he's learned about life from one of his own loving companions...his dog.

Hour 5

Is it possible that every single thing is shaping us to fulfill our purpose? Jen Bricker was born without legs, but it's given her a huge platform as a world class aerialist, acrobat and speaker. Her journey of discovery began with an Olympic gymnast.

Chicken Little is best known for worrying that the sky was falling, when nothing was really wrong. Andy Andrews can relate and hopes that you can too.

November 6, 2016 - ISSUE: RELATIONSHIPS & MARRIAGE

Hour 1

Eyes meet, hearts meet, and so often encouragement spreads...One on One. Keith Stevens loves to share the power of these moments.

You may have heard the quote "the main thing is to keep the main thing, the main thing." Steve Brown says that applies to what we think about God as well.

Hour 2

Going through the loss of a father at the age of seven and then having a battle with depression would already be enough for one person to overcome. As a teenager, Kristina Ellis had to find a way to move forward after experiencing this as well as betrayal.

When you come across really well behaved kids or a couple that's still in love decades into marriage, you may think, "what's the secret?" Well, friends like KeepTheFaith's Relationship Chef Dr. Joe Beam can help answer that question.

Hour 3

Maybe it works best to feed your kids vegetables one bite at a time. That can work in life too, because when we look at the whole road in front of us, it can become overwhelming. Robert D. Smith says you might not have the strength for tomorrow, but you do have the strength for right now.

Dan Wilt is a musician and author and he loves to tell inspiring stories. Today, he shares one that'll encourage you to practice finding hope.

Hour 4

Sometimes, when life has us down, what we need most is a "win." KeepTheFaith's Confidence Coach Trish Blackwell shares a little secret about finding one.

What does it really mean to be human? The question sounds deep, but does the answer really matter practically in your life? Erwin McManus examines some of the aspects of life in his book "The Artisan Soul."

Hour 5

It's been said that "we are the home of the free...because of the brave." Over Lee Greenwood's long career, he's won numerous awards but one song always seems to stand out above the rest, "God Bless the USA."

Band aids, cotton balls, Tylenol...it's all helpful. But what if the medicine we really need to give is in our heart? One of the things that's helped Christa Black Gifford overcome fear and shame is the love of her husband Luke, and her son, Moses.

November 13, 2016 - ISSUE: RELATIONSHIPS & MARRIAGE

Hour 1

When you're starting out, it's so helpful to have someone more experienced take you under their wing. That's what happened recently when Amy Grant and Lauren Daigle came by the studio. While there's no perfect formula to living a meaningful life, Amy shared some words of wisdom that can help get you started.

Whether it's a fire drill, or buckling up, we all prepare for things we hope never happen. Levi Lusko has been through what every parent hopes will never happen, the loss of a child.

Hour 2

Before takeoff, the flight attendants will tell you in an emergency to put on your own mask first before helping someone else with theirs. Steve Brown says, sometimes in other areas of life we need to take similar steps.

It's been said that "the only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be." That's Jen Bricker's story. She was born without legs, but has never once let that get in her way.

Hour 3

If you feel like there's gotta be something more, Erwin McManus says you're right. Erwin shares how you can craft your life into a work of art.

Forgiveness as a concept is something that can be easy to get behind. However, sometimes things happen to you in life that can feel completely unforgivable. KeepTheFaith's Relationship Chef Dr. Joe Beam shares a recipe that can lead to reconciliation and forgiveness.

Hour 4

For some of us, the idea that we're worthy of being loved, despite our failures and our mistakes, seems too good to be true. Pete Wilson encourages us that we are loved, unconditionally.

Maybe it feels like you never get your day started on the right foot. Joel Smallbone has been there. Joel is a member of "For King and Country" and he has discovered that so much of how our day goes, depends on what we prioritize.

Hour 5

What would the world look like if we went over the top, every day in the way we love people. Bob Goff is on a mission to find out. Bob shares how Carol was a friend that was affected deeply by that love.

Words have power. KeepTheFaith's Confidence Coach Trish Blackwell shares how they can help paint a beautiful life.

November 20, 2016 - ISSUE: RELATIONSHIPS & MARRIAGE

Hour 1

KeepTheFaith's Relationship Chef Dr. Joe Beam has encouraged many couples including *Duck Dynasty*'s Alan and Lisa Robertson, who were struggling to put the pieces back together after a serious season of betrayal.

If only I was like that person, then I could make a big difference. It's a common thought, but one that Jen Bricker says needs some adjusting. Jen has an amazing story, but YOU have one too.

Hour 2

Life is beautiful! But maybe for you, there are times when you just can't see through the haze. Natalie Grant shares how doctors told her and her husband that chances were slim they'd ever be able to have a child. But not only did they have one, they had three. But what came after their 3rd, caught Natalie off guard.

It's one of those inevitabilities...when you have two different people in the same room, there's bound to be conflict. What's not as obvious is what you do with it. Francis and Lisa Chan share how we can resolve conflict in a peaceful way, especially at home.

Hour 3

During this holiday season, family life can get to be a bit chaotic! KeepTheFaith's Confidence Coach Trish Blackwell shares what she's discovered in the midst of the chaos.

It seems like it would be easy to accept a free gift with no strings attached from someone, but often we feel the need to reciprocate. What do we do when we can't? Steve Brown recently found himself frustrated after someone anonymously blessed him.

Hour 4

What a difference it makes when we see a situation through...and never waver. For Pamela Capone, it changed her life. She's adopted, and she shares her story about her parents.

You've probably heard of a "yes man." But sometimes at work, you may find your job and your values at odds. And it's easy to become a "no man." Is there another option? Megan Alexander shares some of the things she's learned.

Hour 5

Wait a minute. I did what I was supposed to do. Why didn't this work? Ever felt that way? Lauren Daigle has too. Lauren says not everything has gone the way she hoped in life. And one of those times led to her song, "Trust in You."

No one ever promised raising kids would be easy, but it seems sometimes like all the technology that was supposed to help, ends up making it more difficult. Arlene Pellicane shares a heartwarming story that reminds us of the goodness of being thankful.

November 27, 2016 - ISSUE: RELATIONSHIPS & MARRIAGE

Hour 1

Prayer does make a difference and Dolly Parton is living proof. After the success of Dolly Parton's "Coat of Many Colors," they've come back with another TV Movie this year! Dolly Parton's "Christmas of Many Colors." It tells the true story of one special Christmas, and a prayer that saved her life.

At Christmas, we're reminded that even when things seem completely lost there is still hope. Angel Tree blesses children whose mom or dad are in prison, with a Christmas gift and some love. Antonio was in prison, and now he's an Angel Tree volunteer. He knows how it feels to not be able to be there for your kids at Christmas.

Hour 2

Maybe this Christmas is bitter sweet because a loved one is no longer here to share it with you. Kathie Lee Gifford lost her husband Frank a little over a year ago and is learning what grief and joy are really all about.

You may never have a million lights like the Griswold's, but KeepTheFaith's Confidence Coach Trish Blackwell says you only need one!

Hour 3

In the middle of the hustle and bustle, it's often the simple moments that you remember, moments of laughter and connection. Lauren Daigle has her own Christmas album "Behold." For her, Christmas will always be about family.

You may not be where you want to be just yet, but our friend Steve Brown has some encouragement for you.

Hour 4

Surprise! Sometimes the things we think are true are not. Our friend Chris Tomlin has a Christmas story that becomes more fun and encouraging with each passing year.

There's an old saying that goes, "If you think you're too small to make a difference, try spending a night in a closed room...with a mosquito!" The fact is, everything we do matters! Jen Bricker shares how sometimes those things, aren't what people care about.

Hour 5

Maybe you've heard of that experiment where you slowly turn up hot water on a frog. We don't notice gradual changes, but eventually, we get burned. Could this describe the stress of Christmas? Max Lucado thinks so.

It's been said that "being positive in a negative situation isn't naive, it's leadership." When Megan Alexander joined *Inside Edition*, they had an existing segment with a psychic. But instead of simply criticizing, Megan took a different route.

December 4, 2016 - ISSUE: RELATIONSHIPS & MARRIAGE

Hour 1

I wonder how often we give up something great because we think we're doing something good. David Salyers talks about a pivotal meeting where Chick-fil-A was facing significant competition from a new restaurant chain that was getting bigger fast.

Maybe it's an ornament on your tree, or a song you hear each year, but so often there's something at Christmas that reminds us just how far we've come. Amy Grant is here today with Kathie Lee Gifford. Over the years, these ladies have shared some pretty special moments together.

Hour 2

Sometimes, despite our best intentions, our words just come out the wrong way. KeepTheFaith's Relationship Chef Dr. Joe Beam has a story to share about how we can help our relationships grow by choosing words that heal instead of hurt.

Don't be afraid. Yeah right! Easier said than done. Kristin Chenoweth is a Tony and Emmy award winning actress and singer. Kristin's whole journey has found a solid footing...in faith.

Hour 3

Every child has enormous worth and deserves some joy, despite the circumstances they find themselves in. Angel Tree blesses children whose mom or dad are in prison, with a Christmas gift and some love. Jenny's family is a perfect example. Her husband found himself in a tough place in life.

Five million people lined the streets of Chicago, screaming, hugging, and crying to celebrate the first World Series Championship for the Cubs in 108 years. Ben Zobrist was a big part of making that happen. For Ben, it's all about making a difference, in all circumstances.

Hour 4

Maybe you know best. Famous last words. Our friend Steve Brown has learned that talking to the one in charge always gets better results.

Christmas is fun, but how do we also make it meaningful? Scottie Nell Hughes is always looking for creative ideas to make the holidays more special and she found one that helps her family remember those they care about.

Hour 5

What to buy, what to eat, what to wear, where to go...decisions, decisions, decisions. For Danny Gokey, the formula for deciding all of that is pretty simple. Danny reflects on the things his family holds dear.

Forgiveness is so freeing, but it's a process. Kim Boyce discovered this after she and her husband Gary spent a decade with one of Branson's most popular shows, and were both unexpectedly fired. She shares her story with us.

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Hour 1

Especially at Christmas, we can discover what a gift it is...to GIVE. As our friend Michael W Smith shares, reaching out to others seems to come naturally during the holidays.

Sometimes the things we end up most grateful for are originally disappointments. Just ask "The Bounce Back Woman," Shannon DeGarmo!

Hour 2

There are certain things you should never say to God, right? Steve Brown thinks a little differently.

Doors open and close and we often think about the decisions we've made that make them do it. But there's a bigger picture. Jen Bricker is a world class aerialist, acrobat and speaker. Jen knows who's working in all the details.

Hour 3

When we see the look on the face of someone we've touched, we can feel that it's so much better to give than to receive. You may know Leigh Anne Tuohy's story. When Michael Oher joined her family as a teenager, it touched every part of her life.

If you've done any baking with kids this year, it may look like a tornado hit your kitchen. But sometimes, life feels that way. Max Lucado shares how your story...isn't that different than the Christmas story.

Hour 4

What are the sights, smells, and tastes that make you feel warm and fuzzy inside? KeepTheFaith's Confidence Coach Trish Blackwell wants to help you find them all year.

So often, we allow our shortcomings to define who we are. In one of his books, "Crash the Chatterbox," Steven Furtick shares how we can control these voices in our heads. One day just after Christmas, Steven heard the chatter in his OWN head!

Hour 5

Maybe the word peace makes you think of a home with no problems. But is that realistic? Gary Thomas says there is a huge key in figuring out whether or not a relationship is going to work.

We do a lot to make Christmas memorable, and in the process, we help make it meaningful. Ann Voskamp is a speaker and NY Times best-selling author. Several years ago, her family decided to do Christmas differently.

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Hour 1

If there's anything that Christmas is about, it's knowing that even when things seem completely lost, there is still hope. *Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree* blesses children whose mom or dad are in prison, with a Christmas gift and some love. Adam is a perfect example of the impact you can have.

Especially at Christmas, things can get so busy that it's hard to even come to a complete stop at a stop sign. Nicole Johnson feels the tension and she shares her story with us.

Hour 2

Someone once said that “the biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it’s taken place.” Well, KeepTheFaith’s Relationship Chef Dr. Joe Beam has cooked up a recipe to help.

Maybe you know someone who’s always looking on the bright side, always believing that success is just around the corner. Well, Dan Wilt says maybe it’s time to not only know that someone, but be that someone.

Hour 3

If you’re like a lot of people, your December calendar looks like a novel, and it’s easy to find yourself frazzled and exhausted. Our friend Amy Grant has been there. But it was something that happened a few years ago that’s helped her find perspective.

The children of prisoners are often the forgotten victims of crime. When eight-year-old Greta’s father went to prison; she lost more than a dad. Now as an adult, Greta shares her story.

Hour 4

There can be people all around you and yet loneliness can still be so strong, especially at Christmas. Shannon DeGarmo is happily married now, but knows what it’s like when Christmas isn’t “picture perfect.”

What would happen if our celebration of Christmas wasn’t confined to a season? Annie F. Downs was struck with that very thought at a place she didn’t expect.

Hour 5

To really understand the wonder of Christmas, we sometimes need something tangible, right before our eyes. Steve Brown has a wonderful story to share.

There’s a time when we all experience for ourselves the gift of giving. Our friend Natalie Grant remembers how one Christmas, her dad’s idea to spread contagious encouragement turned things upside down in her heart.

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Hour 1

It's possible that the greatest gift you can give yourself and those around you this holiday season, is peace. But where can you find it? Louie Giglio knows where.

Winston Churchill once said that "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Hillary Scott learned about making encouragement contagious at a young age.

Hour 2

What makes Christmas special for you? Is it the food? The lights? The presents? Spending time with Matthew West is always special. Matthew has seen his priorities change as he's gotten older.

Maybe your kids are hoping for the latest gadget and you're hoping for a last minute Christmas bonus! Nicole Johnson has discovered that Christmas really is all about hope. But in a much more beautiful way.

Hour 3

No matter what the weather is like, when you put on Christmas music, things just seem to transform into something warm and wonderful. And that's especially true when you're listening to Michael W. Smith! So why is this the most wonderful time of the year?

Sometimes we forget about the ripple effect...how one moment of encouragement can become contagious and change a life. It happens all the time with Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree, helping the kids of prisoners receive a reminder that they are loved this Christmas. Michelle was one of those kids, and Michelle was left to care for her young siblings alone. Trust didn't come easy to her.

Hour 4

Maybe this Christmas is bitter sweet because a loved one is no longer here to share it with you. Kathie Lee Gifford can relate. Kathie Lee lost her husband Frank a little over a year ago and is learning what grief and joy are really all about.

There aren't many things more satisfying than giving. Maybe because it awakens something really deep within ourselves, something we were made for. Erwin McManus shares how the power of giving became real to him.

Hour 5

Sometimes we open a gift and we're not quite sure what it is. For a long time, Bart Millard of MercyMe felt that way about grace.

Sometimes love is like a coin...one side is sweet, but the other hurts. Maybe you've felt that. Well, our friend Steve Brown shares his experience with us.