

ISSUES: October - December 2023

Radio station KWPZ in Bellingham, Washington serves a wide audience that is both rural and urban, but is more religious than the general population, due to the nature of the station's format. KWPZ feels that this segment of the population is a specialized group whose concerns and interests are not adequately addressed elsewhere, and that the station plays a unique role in the community by meeting the needs and expectations of this group. Among the issues that were addressed in the programming of KWPZ in the fourth quarter of 2023 are issues that directly affect the family, like parenting, finances, and relationships. Highly relevant topics, such as mental health and the economy, were discussed as well.

KWPZ airs Focus On The Family, hosted by Jim Daly and John Fuller, designed to address the issues that directly relate to the family. The program is heard twice daily Monday through Friday at 5:00 am and 9:00 pm.

CULTURE (AND/OR) EDUCATION

Focus On The Family
Monday, October 9th
5:00 am and 9:00 pm (28:30)

In "Empowering Women to Take Control of Their Finances," best-selling author Deborah Smith Pegues led the discussion to equip women to manage finances wisely in a discussion based on her book, *The One-Minute Money Mentor for Women: 21 Strategies for Financial Empowerment*.

Focus On The Family
Thursday, November 9th
5:00 am and 9:00 pm (28:30)

In "Getting Organized for Christmas," author Kathi Lipp offered practical suggestions for planning your family's Christmas celebration so that it can be budget-friendly, stress-free, and Christ-centered.

CULTURE (AND/OR) EDUCATION continued

Focus On The Family

Friday, November 10th

5:00 am and 9:00 pm (28:30)

“American Heroes: Serving on the Front Line” featured American hero, USMC Force Recon veteran and author, Chad Robichaux. Save Our Allies, a coalition he created, was born out of his commitment to save his interpreter from the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan. The team he assembled felt called to rescue thousands more, saving Americans, allies, and those who were vulnerable.

Focus On The Family

Wednesday, November 15th

5:00 am and 9:00 pm (28:30)

In part one of the two-part series, “When God Gives You the Family You Never Expected,” speaker, author and advocate, Jillana Goble shared from her own experiences, describing some of the common challenges of foster parenting such as feeling overwhelmed, not knowing how past trauma affects behaviors today, giving children back to their biological parents, dealing with extra stress in your marriage and family and being stretched out of your comfort zone.

Focus On The Family

Thursday, November 16th

5:00 am and 9:00 pm (28:30)

In part two of the two-part series, “When God Gives You the Family You Never Expected,” speaker, author and advocate, Jillana Goble shared from her own experiences, describing some of the common challenges of foster parenting such as feeling overwhelmed, not knowing how past trauma affects behaviors today, giving children back to their biological parents, dealing with extra stress in your marriage and family and being stretched out of your comfort zone.

CULTURE (AND/OR) EDUCATION continued

Focus On The Family

Tuesday, December 19th

5:00 am and 9:00 pm (28:30)

In the Best of 2023 rebroadcast, “Making Time For What Matters Most,” author and public speaker, Crystal Paine shared her four-step system that can help moms feel less frazzled and have more room to breathe in their everyday lives. She says that moms should pray for their day, prioritize their goals, plan out their time, and prep for new routines.

PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE

Focus On The Family

Friday, October 13th

5:00 am and 9:00 pm (28:30)

In “Men and Miscarriage: Coping with Loss,” author Dave Deets shared 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 this interview, he spoke 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.

Focus On The Family

Monday, October 23rd

5:00 am and 9:00 pm (28:30)

In “Helping Those Suffering from Mental Illness,” Dr. Matthew 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 encouraged the church community to offer hope and healing for families with loved ones suffering with mental health issues.

PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE continued

Focus On The Family

Friday, December 22nd

5:00 am and 9:00 pm (28:30)

In the Best of 2023 rebroadcast, “Caring for the Forgotten Generation,” Chaplain Bill Goodrich of God Cares Ministry described the vibrant opportunity to befriend and share Christ with the elderly in your community. He shared his heart for this forgotten generation of precious people who deserve our love and attention.

RELIGION

Focus On The Family

Tuesday, October 3rd

5:00 am and 9:00 pm (28:30)

In part one of the two-part series, “Finding Real Purpose in Your Life,” Dr. John Trent and his daughter, Kari Trent Stageberg, provided strategies for moving toward health, freedom, and life. They spoke about Biblical truths that can lead Christ followers to a more positive future, as they shared their helpful framework for overcoming past pain and challenges.

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RELIGION continued

Focus On The Family

Wednesday, October 11th

5:00 am and 9:00 pm (28:30)

In part one of the two-part series, “Raising Up Gen Z to Follow Christ,” pastor, Christian apologist and the founder of STAND STRONG Ministries Jason Jimenez joined the discussion to encourage parents. He is a widely recognized worldview expert who specializes in cultural, philosophical, theological, and religious issues, and as a national speaker, he addresses numerous topics including religious freedom, Islam, same-sex marriage, and the reliability of the Bible.

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YOUTH/STUDENT

Focus On The Family

Monday, October 2nd

5:00 am and 9:00 pm (28:30)

In “Disciplining Your Kids with Grace,” author Karis Kimmel Murray reminded parents that we need to stay calm in the midst of misbehavior, look for the reason behind the behavior and gives a “sushi menu” of discipline tactics, including tagging bad behavior, putting things in a “basket,” and teaching the behavior you want to see. She ended the discussion with insights into children’s “currency” and age-appropriate consequences.

YOUTH/STUDENT continued

Focus On The Family

Tuesday, October 17th

5:00 am and 9:00 pm (28:30)

In “Navigating the Middle School Years,” authors Cynthia Tobias and Sue Acuña addressed why the middle school season of parenting is challenging and how parents can adapt to the changes in an effective way. Emphasis was made of the importance of keeping communication open through listening, observing, and understanding.

Focus On The Family

Friday, October 27th

5:00 am and 9:00 pm (28:30)

“Generosity” isn’t just about money. In “Modeling Generosity for Your Children,” Brad Formsma (founder of the I Like Giving organization) explained how to have a giving mindset and shared the importance of modeling generosity to your children. It goes beyond money: you can be generous with your thoughts, your words, your time, your influence, your attention, and your stuff. Brad encouraged doing “generosity projects” with your kids so that they can experience the blessings of selflessness. We also heard from his son Drew on how parents can impart this message to their children in an engaging way.

Focus On The Family

Monday, October 30th

5:00 am and 9:00 pm (28:30)

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YOUTH/STUDENT continued

Focus On The Family

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Over October 17-18, KWPZ hosted an on-air event partnering with World Concern to offer a method for listeners who wanted to contribute to the transformation of the villages in Rajapalong, Bangladesh through their One Village Transformed initiative.

KWPZ also served the local community with on-air announcements of area school closures due to inclement weather, major road closures, major traffic diversions and Amber Alerts, alerting the listening area to an abducted child.

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