

Mother's Day Special: Standing Firm in a Shifting Culture

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Standing Firm in a Shifting Culture. My mom joins us today on this Mother's Day special program right here on The Christian Worldview Radio Program, where the mission is to sharpen the biblical worldview of Christians and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. I'm David Wheaton, the host. The Christian Worldview is a nonprofit listener supported radio ministry.

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Before we get to the interview with my mom, I want to highlight a letter we recently received from a prisoner. We receive quite a few letters from prisoners. I often intend to read them on air because they're always very compelling. But often we just run out of time. This letter is not only representative of other prisoner letters we receive, but it also fits well as a lead into the interview with my mom, because my mom is going to talk about the importance of a strong Christian family in the midst of a shifting culture. I don't know this man's family background, but it's all too common that a broken family is in the background of those who go down wrong roads in life. A good family doesn't guarantee going down the right road, but it certainly helps.

In reading these prisoner letters, I think you'll be inspired by their strength of faith in the midst of very difficult times, their perseverance, and their hunger for biblical content. That's what they often request, because they can't get that kind of thing in prison. Due to the fact that we receive numerous letters like this, we started a giving category within The Christian Worldview. If you'd like to help support or fund our sending resources to prisoners, you can go to our website, TheChristianWorldview.org to find out about that category of giving to prisoners. Here's the letter:

Dear Mr. Wheaton,

I would like to thank you for your ministry and service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I listen weekly to your Saturday show on a Station in Florida. The show is very encouraging and uplifting and one of the highlights of my week. I am writing to request a copy of the book you've been advertising, *Indoctrinating Our Children to Death*, and or any other reading material you may have to offer. As I mentioned, this is a frequent request from prisoners.

Currently, I am serving a 12 year sentence for being in possession of guns and drugs. I have only 22 months remaining, and have been gone for eight and a half years. Although the Lord has blessed this time in so many ways, I now spend my days serving Him and praising His name. On August 18, I will be sober for eight years. You may think that is because I'm in a max security federal prison, but in reality, there is an abundance of all types of drugs back here. Approximately 70% of the population is strung out on one drug or another. Needless to say, there are countless souls that need prayer back here. (He's referring to "back here" as in prison.)

The above title book speaks to me because I have a nine year old son, who was only a few months old, when I went to prison. I'm so ready to go and be the dad that God has called me to be, which I have completely failed in his little life up to this point.

I also feel a calling to speak to kids and young teenagers about God, using my testimony. The choices that they all face in this day and age is unbelievable to say the least. I was a victim to the Evil One's lies and fell into a life of drugs, womanizing, and running the streets. I hope to be able to show at least one of these kids a different way to walk in life. I thank you for your time and concern with this letter. I pray that your ministry and you and your family are greatly blessed.

Sincerely, Michael.

Again, he's a prisoner down in Florida. Michael, if you're listening, thank you for writing this very thoughtful letter. We are so encouraged to hear about your hunger for God's Word and to be the dad that God wants you to be when you get out of prison coming up. I'm sure we'll have many of our listeners praying for you and the other prisoners who are followers of Christ serving time in prison.

This leads well into our topic today standing firm in a shifting culture because it sounds like Michael was negatively impacted by the influences and the culture around him growing up, and this is why, as we discuss the importance of marriage and family today that this will fit in so well. God designed marriage to be between one man and one woman for life, for husband and wife to love each other, to embrace mutually beneficial roles that God designed, and raise children to love and obey God.

The family, you could think of it as a protective nest, a place of intended peace that results in Godly individuals, and then by extension, God fearing communities. If one had to state just one reason why our nation is awash in rampant dysfunction, false ideologies, violence, incarceration, drug use, sexual immorality, and all manners of other societal ills, the breakdown of the family would be at the top of the list. Divorce, children being raised by single parents, and hostility between members of the family are all too common today.

Because the family is so important to God, it is under constant assault by Satan. America, as my mom is going to talk about today, has changed so much over the last 60+ years, mostly in God dishonouring ways. My 90 year old mother has lived through this great cultural change. She and my dad, who went to be with his Savior and Lord last year, were blessed to be saved by God in their mid 20s. They took the Word of God seriously as it pertains to marriage, parenting, and discipling others. The good news is that in a shifting culture, Christians can thrive, whether married or unmarried. This Mother's Day weekend, we'll hear from my mom and she'll describe what it was like to live through a time of great cultural change, all the while standing firm on the truth of God's Word. Interestingly enough, when directly addressing the marriage relationship, God's Word gives just one command for the wife and one for the husband.

God's Word says in Ephesians 5:22 *Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He himself, being the savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.*

Ephesians 5:25, has this command for husbands. *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.*

Ephesians 5:28. *So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, because we are members of His Body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great; but I'm speaking with reference to Christ and the church.*

Ephesians 5:33. *Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.*

God's Word is very clear here that marriage is a picture of Christ, as head of the church, and loving His bride, the Church. That analogy is used when Paul writes to wives to be subject to your husband, and he also writes the same analogy to husbands as in to love their wives as Christ loves the church. The one command for wives is to be subject to your husband's. Going back to the very beginning and after the fall; rather than trying to rule over your husband, be subject to your husband. Husband's the one command is, love your wives, which means seeking God's best for her, rather than being self centered and domineering. Both these commands, for wives to be subject to their husbands and husbands to love their wives, both take trust in God. Following His way will lead to God being glorified, and also the husband and wife being blessed. It takes faith and humility because it's others centered.

Greetings to all the mothers out there today. We hope you have a blessed Mother's Day weekend. That is the subject of our program. Today I'm doing a special interview with my own mom, she's 90 years old, she has been a believer since the time she was in her mid 20s. Our topic is going to be, Standing Firm in a Shifting Culture. Let's get to the interview with my mom.

Mom, I'm so grateful to have the opportunity to speak with you for another Mother's Day weekend on the program. Let's start out today by looking back at your life. You're 90 years old now, born in 1933. That was before World War II. Our country and the culture has changed so much over that time, particularly I think you would say starting in the 1960s. It would have been at that time that you were in your 30s. This change somewhat attributed to compromise in the church, perhaps the influence of secular humanism, the educational system, the media, the entertainment industry, industrialization, women going off into the workplace. All of that seems to have changed the way the family and marriages operate. There's probably 10 more things you could attribute the change in this country to. What are some of the biggest things or maybe the top two or three things in your own mind that have changed? What do you think led to that change?

Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 14:28

You're right, David. There was a lot going on back in the 60s. Up until then life had been very simple. Dad and I had our children and we were living a very simple life. Then the 60s came and after that we began to see a definite change in the culture. Rock music came in. There was a lot of compromise going on in a lot of different ways in the schools. I began to notice it and didn't like it and tried to change it. Yes, it was humanism in the schools, and compromises in the church. The little church we were going to was a very good church with a very good pastor.

Even then the people in the church didn't appreciate the pastor because he put up a sign out in the church; The Devil's Candidate for President. They didn't like that. It was at the time that John Kennedy was running for President. Because of that, they let him go.

Your dad and I were very unhappy that he left because he was very instrumental in our early Christian life, teaching us the Bible and the hymns of the faith. That was a major change for us. Even the movies changed; we used to like to go to movies, but not anymore. They were not the way they used to be in any way. Now there was so much sex in the movies. We saw women going to work, and leaving their children in daycare. I didn't understand that. I thought, daycare? That sounds like communism; that women were leaving their children and their home to go to work. I didn't understand why they would want to do that.

Also feminism came in, and the feminists were really hard, women who didn't like being a woman. They were out there preaching feminism. I was on the radio one day talking to two of them, and I realized they were not going to change in any way. They liked what they had. However, I didn't like it at all. I made up my mind I was not going along with it and wanted nothing to do with any of this.

Host: David Wheaton 16:33

You've really spanned a lot of years of course; 90 years, but also huge societal and cultural changes in this country as well. It must be somewhat disorienting for you today to think about what life was like at a previous time. We all know it wasn't perfect. There were sinners back then, but what was culturally acceptable back then, is totally rejected today. There was a decorum at least, of basic Christian morality and decency. I remember you've told me in the past that you hardly even knew someone who was divorced while growing up; the idea of someone being a homosexual wasn't even discussed.

This direction of the country and more broadly, the world, mom, can be discouraging for Christians. We look at the holocaust of abortion in this country; over 60 million babies murdered in the womb since the early 1970s. Not just immorality, but the promotion of immorality, akin to something that the scripture talks about in Romans chapter 1. There is affirmation and an advocacy for the kinds of immorality that blatantly rejects God. We see on the college campus anti-Israel, and pro Islamist organizations; anti America, and that we need to decolonize this country. They see America as a net negative the way the country is set up. The push towards globalism; lies in the media. Why do you think it's important, even at 90 years old? And how do you keep from being discouraged about the the direction of the world?

Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 18:23

I'm not really discouraged. It's just very sad that people don't see it. You do have to know what's going on in the news, because if you don't know what's going on, it's going to be a shock when it finally hits, because it is going to come to a point where I don't see how we can go on the way we are right now.

The immorality came with the 60s, with the rock music, and then that came into the church, which shouldn't be in the church. I couldn't believe when abortion came into law. it was a shock to me that a woman could murder, kill her own baby. I just couldn't believe that. Then the anti-Americanism. I used to play the piano. Grand Ol' Flag and God bless America, that was all gone. All the lies that we hear about globalism on a daily basis. I know that if you don't really know and understand what is going on, you could be very easily deceived. But I do keep up with it every day. My parents always watched the news every night and my father always read the news in the paper, so I guess I'm just following suit with what they did. I'm glad I have because I don't think I could catch up with it all now. Too much has taken place.

Host: David Wheaton 19:42

I know mom. You have to watch the news with discernment because everyone's got a worldview. On any given news broadcast, you're getting someone's worldview. So you have to have discernment and compare everything you're watching against what we know to be the truth from Scripture. Mom, tell us the story as these changes were happening, about the woman who said to you, Well, Mary Jane, aren't you going to change with the times? What did she mean by that? How did you keep from changing your core Christian values during this whole time of societal change?

Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 20:30

It was during the time that Marnie your sister, was in seventh grade, and they were bringing sex education into the public schools. she was coming home telling me she didn't like it. She showed me some of the papers. I looked at them, went up to the school, talked to the principal, and asked him, "What is this about? Why are you teaching this in school? This is up to parents to teach their children." I didn't get anywhere with him, so I went to the school superintendent. He was new on the job, and didn't have any time for me.

Then I went to the meeting with all the parents, and the man who had brought this all into the schools, from the Lutheran Social Services. The room was full of parents and teachers, but no one had a problem with it. They didn't see where it was going. I had two friends; the three of us saw it, but no one else did. So I just conceded, but it was so much compromised. People didn't understand it, and didn't fight it. I did fight it. I wrote a 15 page letter to the school board, the superintendent, and it didn't do a thing. Nothing changed.

Host: David Wheaton 21:34

The woman who said to you, Mary Jane, aren't you going to change with the times? And you said, "Absolutely not." You can imagine what you were encountering. I think that was probably in the 60s, maybe early 70s, the type of sexual education then compared to what it is now in the public schools where it's just incredibly graphic and a promotion of that which the Bible calls unnatural and an abomination. So the cascade downward has continued to happen.

You were born again, came to saving faith in Jesus Christ in your mid 20s. This took place in the late 50s right before this huge time of societal and cultural change took place. You were married at the time, very young. You were 19 or 20 when you married dad. So this was in your mid 20s when you were saved right before this time of change in the country.

When that happens, it's of course a wonderful life and eternity changing event in someone's life when they put their trust and faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, being born again. Yet as a married couple that sometimes has ramifications within a marriage that can sometimes even break up a marriage, if one of the spouses doesn't go along with that and thinks, "Well, I'm not married to the same person I married on my wedding day." How did your marriage with Dad become a stronger and more united marriage?

Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 23:11

We were living in New York at the time. Dad was with the Army ROTC. Signal Corps ROTC. My mother wrote me a note that came in the mail, telling me she'd been born again. I didn't understand what that meant at all. Then when I came home, she was trying to explain it to me. I didn't have any interest, and I didn't understand it. Your dad didn't know anything about it. We both grew up in the Anglican Church and both had different churches. My mother kept telling me listen to Christian radio, just start listening to Christian radio, but I had very little interest.

During that time of my life, I was beginning to realize that I really didn't know why I was here, where I was going, what was the meaning of life, and this was when I was beginning to have children, so I decided to start listening to Christian radio and in three days, I got it. I understood the gospel, I understood why I was here; where I was going. Your dad would come home and say, "what's going on with you? You seem so different." I couldn't explain it myself; I didn't even know I was changing, but I was. My whole worldview changed.

It was not long after that, that we went to a little church, where there was an old time pastor who gave the gospel, and dad went forward that night and he received Christ as his Savior and Lord. The next day we both talked about it and realized this is the most important thing we've ever done in our life, and we're going to be serious about it.

We met a terrific couple from Campus Crusade who were here and they took us under their wing and told us about the Campus Crusade headquarters teaching, and how they teach you to give the plan of salvation to people. So we went to that and learned that. We then began to tell other people about Christ and invite them over to our house and even take them into our family. That was life changing because we met so many people that way. Throughout the years it's continued where we've given the gospel to someone or to a family and taken them in. That is what gives your life real meaning and real purpose. Otherwise, you live in your own little world, and there's very little growth, and we wanted to grow in Christ and help others know Christ and grow in Christ.

Host: David Wheaton 25:27

Well, that really underscores the importance of discipleship of a new believer, how you and dad were discipled within your own church by this couple, who helped you understand the purpose of the Christian life. Yes, it is growth, and your personal sanctification, but it's also to fulfill the Great Commission. It's not evangelize the world, it's make disciples, and that's beyond evangelism. Mom, what were some of the priorities in your marriage, and in your parenting, that created a stable boat in the midst of all this societal change taking place? In other words, the schools, the media and entertainment, everything was changing in society as it still is, and yet, you and dad had core convictions that were creating a stable environment, at least within your home and family. Tell us about that?

Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 26:44

Well, it was because we were learning the Word of God and applying it to our life. The Word makes it clear that the woman has to submit, the wife has to submit to her husband. I had no problem with that. I wanted to do that. We loved one another. The greatest of these is love. He loved me, I loved him, we were the same mind on everything. We talked all the time about whatever was going on in the culture, and we agreed on all of it.

We loved our children, we did a lot with them. We were always doing something together as a family. We have a little sign in the living room here that says "A happy family is an earlier heaven." Well, we did have a

happy family. It was not because we were such wonderful people ourselves, we weren't, but it was because we had been born again and knew Christ, and we're learning what the Bible says, and we wanted to do what the Bible says, and not adapt to the culture.

Host: David Wheaton 27:42

That's really the only way, and such an encouragement, as we look at our society now and all the things that we see as rebellion against God; the laws being made and everything we see going on. Even in the midst of that, God gives us the resources through His Word, through His Holy Spirit, through the local church, for there to be peace within a home and a family and a marriage. That's an encouragement that we can take out. Our culture and the laws of a country don't need to determine the peace within ourselves or our home.

As a grandmother; you have seven grandchildren, I would say that you're the first generation of believers in our family, even though your mother was the first one to be saved. But she was saved very shortly, just a couple of years before you were. She was saved in the mid 1950s. You were in the late 1950s. As an aside, she was saved through listening to Christian radio just as you were. It's God's providence the way she was saved, and you were saved. Then seeing him open a door for me to get involved in Christian radio. How God has used that particular medium in our family, we're so grateful.

But you and dad as the first generation, and then your four children, Marnie, Mark, John and me. Now we all have children, and you can't pass down the faith. God doesn't have grandchildren it's been said. So you need to influence them and show them the gospel, both in word and in deed. What is your recommendation for encouraging the faith for grandchildren to come along? We know they have sin natures. They want to go their own way. There's a big pull on them from this changing culture, this shifting culture we live in. What is your recommendation for encouraging the faith in grandchildren?

Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 29:43

Each one of you who have children are teaching your children and I don't really have the time with them that you have with your own children, but I have spent time with some of them teaching them the Bible. We have a family night where we get together and the children, they see authenticity. They know when you're a real believer and when you're not. I think they see that in our lives. That's the important thing. To see that we love Christ, we love one another, we love them. And it is true. The greatest of these is love, just love in the family for one another.

Host: David Wheaton 30:21

That's important. I know it takes intentionality as well when you get together for family gatherings, not to let them devolve into small talk and many conversations and how you and dad were very intentional with those kinds of things, reading the Word, talking about things that have substance. I remember dad, not long before he went to heaven, I think on his 90th birthday. He wrote a note and read it over Christmas time to the whole family, but particularly to the grandkids who were there. I think you actually even have part of the note

right here. Maybe you could read a paragraph from that, to give us a sense of the kinds of things that a grandfather was trying to teach his grandchildren.

Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 31:08

He wrote, "Dear family, you all have been so helpful to grandma and me, especially this past year. Grandma broke her hip in January, and we both got COVID in March, but help was on its way from all of you in various ways, and to that we are both very grateful grandparents. God has been extra good to me considering the various serious heart medical problems I've been through and grandma has more recently been through.

He is the author and finisher of our faith and yours hopefully, too. Not just a "family religion," but a personal relationship that we each must have to be conformed to His image. His suffering for our sins on the cross is real, but as young people, it may not seem important to ponder at your ages, though it should be. Life now is becoming so entangled with the world system run by Satan based on one word, lies. Everyone lies from government down to everyday people. Satan was, and still is the greatest liar. But back to all of you. You have been so helpful. Often at a quick phone call. I love you all and pray God's best for each of your lives in Christ, Grandpa.

And I will add to that, that I see all of you, my own children, my grandchildren, how good you've been to me since dad has been gone, bringing my meals and coming to see me and just today Ben was here, John's son. He said, "I'm going to go out and feed the birds." He put the bird seed in the bird feeder. It's the little things that I can't do anymore that I so much appreciate that they do without even being asked.

Host: David Wheaton 32:42

Mom, it's been just over a year since dad went to heaven. It's been a tough road for you to be totally honest, losing him in early February of 2023 and then going through that after being married to him for nearly 70 years. That loss was very difficult and continues to be. You can talk about that in a second. Then you fell on a treadmill of all things, and broke your shoulder. Then just as you recovered from that, you had to have a knee replacement surgery. That was a long recovery. So you had quite a difficult year in 2023. Here we are in 2024, now about 15 months later. Explain what it has been like, not the injuries and the surgeries, but what it's been like to have to continue on after losing your beloved husband. You were married for 68 years. I believe, you knew each other for 74 years. You met when you were 15 and he was 17. I think you were married at age 22 and 20; never knew life apart, were always together. What are some of the things that you've had to experience and learn carrying on after losing dad just over a year ago.

Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 36:40

It's been hard. I've been lonely. I think about him a lot, but I know where he is. I know what the Bible says. He's in heaven with Christ. He had so many heart surgeries that we all sat through and never knew if he was going to make it and he did until the very end. Then he just left. He just flew away. It was a shock. I wasn't expecting it. But it's been very lonely for me. Fortunately, we all live close to each other and I see all of you all

the time. I feel sorry for people who are in their old age and have to go to a nursing home. But in many ways, they have to do that because they have physical and mental problems which have to be taken care of. I'm thankful that I can be in the home that we've lived in for 52 years, and I'm still seeing my children and grandchildren every day.

Host: David Wheaton 38:07

We're going to try to keep you in this home where I'm interviewing you today. You've lived here for well over 50 years, and you're right just to give listeners some context, your entire family lives in the neighborhood. I don't live very far beyond the neighborhood here, so we're all able to see you on a daily basis. We all bring your dinner every night. You are still mobile, walking with a walker or a cane.

So you're not able to get outside easily and walk on your own anymore. But you do your new step machine which is a recumbent elliptical trainer everyday to keep your body moving and so forth. We're very thankful that mentally you're still sharp. We can't take that for granted. That doesn't happen with everyone. That can be a really different kind of loss to almost lose one of your parents while they're still living when they don't recognize you anymore. So we're very grateful to God that your mind is still sharp. You've always been a very active person, but now with some physical limitations, you're more homebound. You do get out for walks with one of us, but what do you spend your time on during the day now, because most of the day you're here and Dad's not around to talk to. What do you spend your time with to keep your mind active, to keep yourself encouraged on a daily basis?

Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 40:21

I still have the Word of God that I certainly haven't mastered yet. You never master it in your whole lifetime. You can read it and there's still more every day to learn. What did Peter say? Grow in grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Well, that's what it's all about. Growing in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. But there's always good books to read. That book that you put out on the schools, what's going on in the schools now; news on the television. I listen to John MacArthur. I've been listening to him for about 40 some years, and I listen to Alistair Begg. I know he said something that probably didn't sit well with some people, but I still do listen to him because he's from Scotland. I've learned a lot from him. David Jeremiah is another one. There are so many men out there who are teaching the Word of God, and I'm still learning every day. In no way have I arrived, I have a lot to learn. Then I like to pass it on. And whenever I lead someone to Christ, I tell them, be sure to start listening to some of these men that I listen to, so they can get sound doctrinal teaching. So many people who come just to visit with me, especially my spiritual children, come and talk to me. I appreciate all the people who are very loving to me and come to see me every day. I have so much to be thankful for.

Host: David Wheaton 41:47

Just recently on the program, we did a program on caring for the physical body that God has given us and Haley Erickson, who is a Christian nutrition coach, fitness trainer, joined us. Her story was featured on a television program and lo and behold, that television program came and interviewed you because God had used you in her life to tell her the gospel. She told her side of the story and I'm not saying your side is different, but it'd be interesting to hear from your side. What transpired that day when you were at a local gym in your mid 80s with dad, which is amazing even to think about, that you were over there, still trying to be active and so forth. You walked up to Haley in the gym, had never met her before. Tell us about that story. What happened from there.

Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 42:40

I was in the gym just sitting there lifting some weights and out of the corner of my eye, I saw this very attractive young woman in a warm up suit. Watching her work out; I had never seen anything like it, the way she was doing it. She was so disciplined, and I don't know why, it had to be the providence of God. I got up, walked over to her and I said, "I'd be interested to know how you do your workout." She was very nice, and we got to talking so I invited her to come to the house.

She did come over to my house and as were talking, out of the blue I said, "Are you a Christian?" Then she started to cry. I thought, hmm, why would she cry? As we talked, I realized that she was not a Christian. I took her into the dining room, which people call the delivery room, to the delivery table, and showed her the plan of salvation, explained that Christ had died for her sins and explained the whole plan of salvation. She trusted in Christ that day, and has grown into a very strong Christian. She's a beautiful Christian young woman.

Host: David Wheaton 43:55

Well, even if you had nothing to do with her salvation, my own mother met her at the gym. The story would be incredible just how that took place. An 85 year old woman, and probably an early 20s young woman who was working out. You didn't realize this was an almost idol worship in her life, her body image and the working out and so forth, and how God would bring an 85 year old woman to her place where she had a wrong view of her body, exercise and so forth. He brought you to that place to introduce you to each other.

That is an incredible story. Praise God for that. You mentioned earlier how thankful you are for being able to live at home. As parents age, there are many different circumstances families find themselves involved in. There are parents as you mentioned that struggle mentally with dementia or Alzheimer's and the need for lots of care. There's physical or disease limitations that are way too much for a family to be able to keep an elderly parent or parents in the home. Yet, there are also a lot of stories where families have separated maybe not even for wrong reasons, job opportunities in other parts of the country. They're not in the kind of proximity.

Then there's not even maybe, a willingness to fulfill the call to care for parents as they age. That's, I think, something that all of our siblings strongly feel toward you and dad, a call, even a duty, but not a negative

one. One that God uses for sanctification, that makes you less self centered in life, which is always a good thing. There's a generation now, and this is very different in our society than other cultures, where the other cultures, there's a great expectation, to care for your elderly parents, even bringing them into your own home, beyond what anything is like in America today. What would you say to try to encourage adult children to embrace caring for their aging parents?

Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 46:08

I can understand how difficult it would be to put your parents in a nursing home. I had to do that with my mother because we couldn't take care of her. I couldn't lift her and she couldn't walk. I had to put her in a nursing home and I hated doing it, but I'd go to see her every single day. The head nurse told me if I didn't come every day that her care would not have been as good because they knew that I was coming. I think you can do the best you can. I'm very fortunate that, as you know, we traveled all around the world with you when you were playing tennis and we wanted to be home, so Dad and I came back to where we grew up and our children grew up. We all live here together. I'm very thankful for that, because now in my old age and dad is gone, you're all taking care of me and I wouldn't want to be all alone in a nursing home, but sometimes you have to do it. There's no other way of doing it. But it's hard, very hard.

Old age is always hard the Bible says. It's the evil days. If you read the last chapter of Ecclesiastes 12, Solomon said, Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth, before the evil days come, they are evil, and they're hard. So if you have grandparents or parents that need to be taken care of, do the best you can, but sometimes someone else has to take care of them if you can't do it yourself.

Host: David Wheaton 47:34

Mom, we've talked about the core convictions you and dad had as parents and what you tried to be as a mother, but you had a wonderful mother as well. She was affectionately known as granny in our family. She lived to the age of 99, which is amazing. She was the first believer in our family. She was saved in the mid 50s in her 50s through listening to Christian radio. She heard the gospel preached. She had grown up Roman Catholic, wasn't really a practicing Catholic, but had always been a part of that church growing up. Lo and behold, Christian radio somehow got on in her home, she heard the gospel, and came to saving faith. Tell us just about her. Give us a snapshot of what she was like, and what you learned from her as a person and a mother.

Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 48:24

My mother was the greatest influence in my life. She was a lovely woman, totally submissive to my father. He was not easy. He was difficult, but she'd never complain. She loved him. She loved me. She loved her grandchildren. She always liked other people. She'd say, how are you hon? Or, how are you love? I have a little quote on my shelf here. "Mothers children are a portrait of herself." I'm nothing like my mother. She was so lovely. I've never known anyone like her. I wish she was still here so people could see her. She was a beautiful Christian. She listened to Christian radio all the time at night, all night long. She'd tell me, Mary

Jane, I felt like I was in heaven last night just listening to the music on Christian radio, and now I'm doing the same thing. I'm listening to Christian radio all day long, all night long. I turn the radio on when I go to bed and let it play; I hear the music and fall asleep and then I wake up and hear music and a message again and I never get enough of it. There's always something new. There's always a new message, new music, and the old music that we all love. So I love Christian radio.

Host: David Wheaton 49:42

I want to thank you for all the encouragement you have given me over the years in not only Christian radio, but as a mother to me, and I know I speak for the rest of my siblings and your grandchildren, how grateful and privileged we are for the work that God has done in your life and what you've allowed Him to do in your life as well, and for the impact you've made on us in many ways, but most especially in spiritual ways.

You and dad really have left a lasting legacy in us. You talk about your mother being the greatest influence in your life and that's a key question to ask someone. You can know a lot about someone by finding out who their key influences are in life. I know for me personally, and I know from other members of the family that you and dad have been the greatest of human influences in our lives. We're so grateful for that. We love you so much, Mom. We're grateful that God still has you with us. We miss dad so much. We had such a wonderful father. Thank you for having the marriage you did. Thank you for following Christ as you did and for teaching us the Word of God and having strong convictions on it. Never relenting from it. A high view of Scripture. A fear of the Lord, like your own mother had. Those things were communicated to us, but not just taught, but they were caught by us because they were so evident in your life. We love you so much, mom. Thank you for another year of coming on The Christian Worldview Radio Program.

Guest: Mary Jane Wheaton 51:18

Only one life will soon be passed, only what's done for Christ will last. If I was 90 years old now and had to look back on my life without Christ, I would have nothing. Christ is the answer to all of life if people could only see it. I thank God for my salvation in Christ.

Host: David Wheaton 51:42

Well, God certainly blessed our family with a wonderful father and mother. So thankful for that. They will both say that anything they are, is only because what Scripture says in Colossians 1:13. *For God rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, their forgiveness of sins.* In other words, if my parents hadn't been saved by God, it would have been completely different for their marriage and our family.

One book I want to recommend for you at this time of year if you have a high schooler or a college student in your life, is to get a copy of University of Destruction. Subtitle: Your Game Plan for Spiritual Victory on Campus. This is a book I wrote years ago, but it is very relevant still today because God's Word doesn't change. Satan still works through the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the boastful pride of life on the

college campus. I talk about in the book the three pillars of peril: 1) The battle for the body, sexual immorality. 2) The battle for the spirit, drugs and alcohol. Be not drunk with wine, but be filled with the Holy Spirit. 3) And the battle for the mind, which is the worldview battle on campus. It's The Christian Worldview, versus all the other false ideologies out there.

I encourage you to get a signed and personalized copy. The book is owned by the Overcomer Foundation and The Christian Worldview. You can get in contact with us the usual ways. Our contact information is given during this break. The title again is, *University of Destruction, Your Game Plan for Spiritual Victory on Campus*.

The mission of The Christian Worldview is to sharpen the biblical worldview of Christians and to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. We hope today's broadcast encouraged you toward that end. To hear a replay of today's program, order a transcript or find out "What must I do to be saved?"

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Upcoming TCW Event: Overcomer Course

David Wheaton here, host of The Christian Worldview to tell you about the Overcome Course for young adults being held June 21st and 22nd at beautiful Stone House Farm in Jordan, Minnesota. Ages 18-25 is a highly transitional time. The conditions developed and the decisions made during this crucial stage sets ones course for years to come.

Now the main sessions of the course are specifically designed to help young adults gain clarity and conviction on who God is, what His plan is and their purpose in it. So we have four sessions the first day, and then four sessions the second day. So health and fitness is not the theme or the focus of the conference. That's going to be a Q & A the first night. The sessions have to do with really the big issues of life. This is not going to be a camp so to speak where you go and have burlap sack races and water balloon fights. This is going to be a substantive time over two days. I encourage you to spread the word, share the link from our website, we have a whole page on our website, TheChristianWorldview.org, where you can find out more about us. Or give us a call 1-888-646-2233.

The Overcomer Course is already 60% full and it's pretty evenly divided between men and women. We're talking young adults 18 to 25, 26, 27. In that age range during that highly transitional time of life. By the way, you can come from out of state and we'd encourage you to do so. This is a beautiful time of year in

Minnesota. There's lots to do in the area. Hope you consider that and spread the word about the Overcomer Course June 21 and 22.

New featured Resource: Indoctrinating Our Children To Death

Christians with discernment know that the US public education system is humanistic to the core. That is because subversives have successfully removed from government schools, the most important subject to understand truth and reality God, while Americans were once educated at home or privately in an explicitly Christian way, today, government schools are radically anti Christian propagandizing children with evolution, graphic sexual content, gender confusion, and globalism.

Alex Newman's book, Indoctrinating Our Children To Death is our new featured resource. It is softcover, 276 pages and retails for 1799. You can order the book for a donation of any amount to 18 The Christian Worldview, go to the Christian worldview.org, call toll free 1-888-646-2233, Or write to box 401 Excelsior, Minnesota 55331.

The Overcomer Foundation Cup: SEPT 16, 2024

Hazeltine National Golf Club Also, we just announced this week that registration is now open for the Overcomer Foundation Cup, our annual golf event in September. This year it's going to be at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minnesota.