

A Husband & Father Speaks

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Michael and family

My name is Michael Hentrich, and I am the Web Developer for Women's Federation for World Peace USA. For those of you who don't know me, my wife and I are co-pastors at the Colorado Family Church, located in Denver, Colorado. We have three children, twin boys that are 5 and a little 3-year-old girl. As I write this, we are preparing to celebrate our ten-year anniversary.

For many of you reading this article, ten years of marriage may not seem like a long time, but for us it has been one heck of a ride. We've gone through many ups and downs and have tried our best to live an adventurous and meaningful life. We make a lot of mistakes, but we do our best just like everyone else.

Through the years, I'm happy to say that I've developed a real appreciation for my wife and the ways in which she holds our family together. I would like to dedicate this article to her, because I believe that most of the good things that I have in my life are because of her.

Some people say that now is the age of women, and I couldn't agree more. As time has passed and we have progressed through different stages of our lives, I've had the opportunity to witness first-hand the ways in which a woman's motherly heart can be the unifying force in a family and in a community. I personally believe that, at this time in history, we need more of this parental, motherly heart in our societies. We are dealing with many social problems in the world and in our communities. Different people have different opinions on how to deal with them and we oftentimes try to reconcile those differences through dialogue and rationalizing.

Even though I think there is always a place for dialogue, I also believe that many of our social issues and strife are more deeply rooted in the pain and suffering that many people experience in their lives. I think that we all experience that to varying degrees. For myself, I can say that my wife has helped me to heal and is continually encouraging me and helping me to reach my potential as a person. She has done this through being patient with me and loving me unconditionally, at times, even as if I were her own child. Potentially, I feel that through having a patient and loving heart, women have the ability to help people to heal. On a larger level, women can help this world heal.