



ORIENTATION TO FAMILY MINISTRIES

General Conference

Leadership Development Conference for Newly Elected Leaders

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THE MOST IMPORTANT MISSION FIELD



“*Our work for Christ is to begin with the family, in the home...There is no missionary field more important than this.*”

Ellen G. White, *The Adventist Home*, p. 35.



WHY ADVENTIST FAMILY MINISTRIES?



- **To strengthen the family as a discipling center.**
- **To offer a ministry of grace which acknowledges as normative the biblical teachings relating to the family and holds high God's ideals for family living. At the same time, it brings an understanding of the brokenness experienced by individuals and families in a fallen world.**
- **To seek to enable families to stretch toward divine ideals, while at the same time ever extending the good news of God's saving grace and the promise of growth possible through the indwelling Spirit.**
- **To focus on people in relationship and provide tools for couples, parents, children, single adults, and all members of the wider family circle as they pass through life's predictable stages and confront unexpected changes in their lives.**

I WILL GO WITH MY FAMILY STRATEGIC FOCUS





MISSION OBJECTIVES

- **Objective #1: To revive the concept of worldwide mission and sacrifice for mission as a way of life involving not only pastors, but every church member, young and old, in the joy of witnessing for Christ and making disciples.**
- **Objective #2: To strengthen and diversify Adventist outreach in large cities, across the 10/40 Window, among unreached and under-reached people groups, and to non-Christian religions.**





SPIRITUAL GROWTH

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OBJECTIVES

- **Objective #5: To disciple individuals and families into spirit-filled lives.**
- **Objective #6: To increase accession, retention, reclamation, and participation of children, youth, and young adults.**
- **Objective #7: To help youth and young adults place God first and exemplify a biblical worldview.**





LEADERSHIP

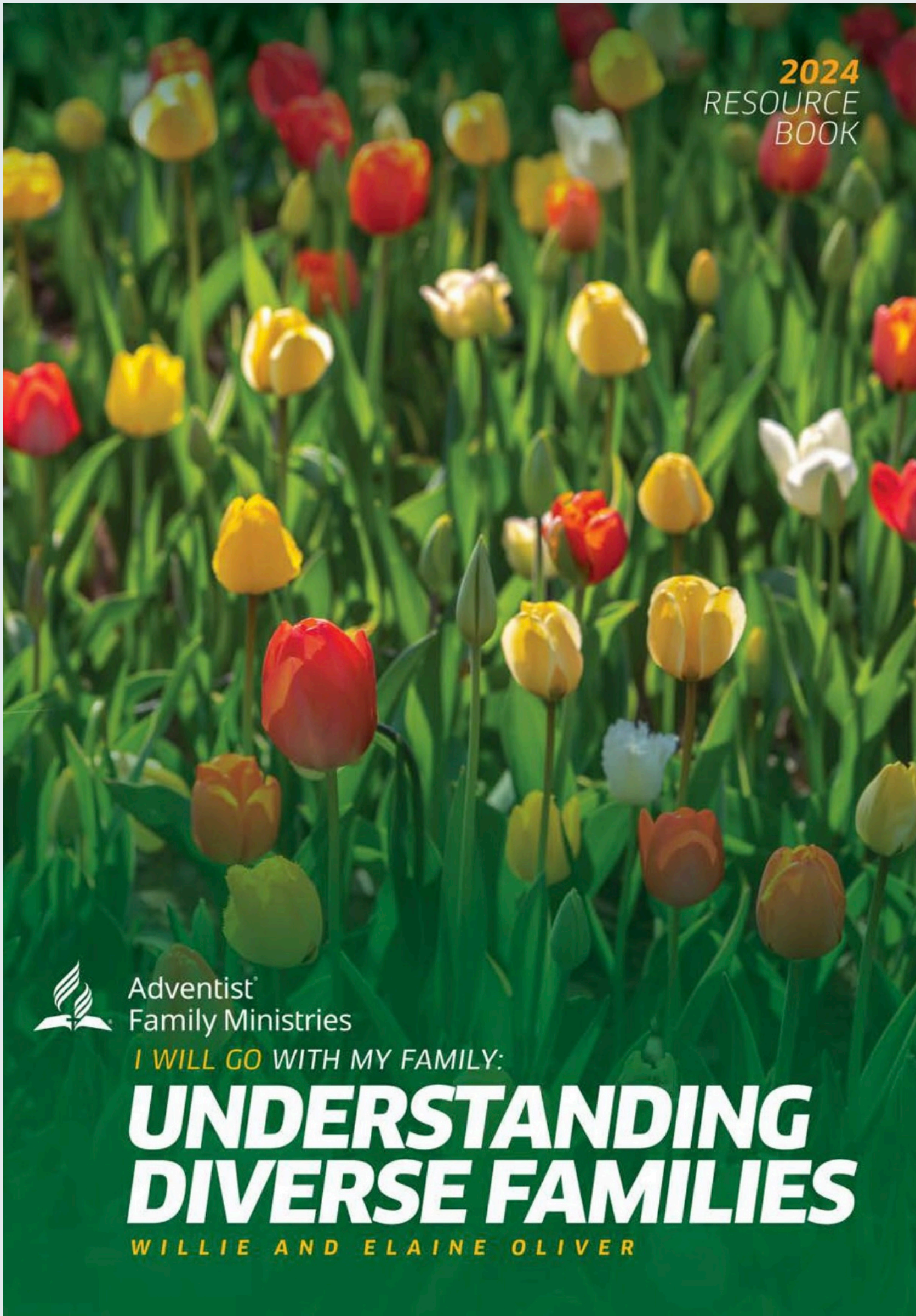
LEADERSHIP OBJECTIVES

- **Objective #9**: To align world church resources with strategic objectives.
- **Objective #10**: To enhance the transparency, accountability, and credibility of denominational organization, operations and mission initiatives.





HOLY SPIRIT



2024 ADVENTIST FAMILY MINISTRIES

RESOURCE BOOK

I WILL GO WITH MY FAMILY:

UNDERSTANDING

DIVERSE FAMILIES

IN 8 LANGUAGES

DOWNLOAD DIRECTLY FROM

[FAMILY.ADVENTIST.ORG/2024RB](https://family.adventist.org/2024rb)



TWO FAMILY STRENGTHENING EMPHASES WEEKS EACH YEAR



- **Christian Home and Marriage Week (February 10-17, 2024).**
 - **Christian Marriage Sabbath (February 10, 2024)**
 - **Christian Home Day (February 17, 2024)**
- **Family Togetherness Week of Prayer (September 1-7, 2024).**

UNDERSTANDING DIVERSE FAMILIES



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SAVE THE DATE **JULY 18-20, 2024**

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY, BERRIEN SPRINGS, MI

EARLY-BIRD UNTIL JUNE 4, 2024	REGULAR UNTIL JUNE 11, 2024	10+ GROUPS	VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE
\$65 Professional	\$75 Professional	Get a FREE TICKET for every 10th person registered in a group	\$10 You will receive a link to have access worldwide
\$40 Early-bird Spouse /Student	\$45 Spouse /Student		

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MISSION TO THE FAMILIES IN THE CITIES



LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM



THE FAMILY MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (LCP) 2.0 COURSE CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS

- **10 Modules consisting of 50 hours of lectures and independent learning assignments.**
- **Each Module requires a total of 5 hours: 3 hours of lecture/seat time and 2 hours of independent learning consisting of recommended readings found at the end of each Module.**
- **The independent learning requirements for Module 5 include developing and presenting a family strengthening seminar of about 45 minutes.**
- **The LCP curriculum is divided into two levels: Level 1 (Modules 1-5) and Level 2 (Modules 6-10).**

THE FAMILY MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (LCP) 2.0 CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK

FM Curriculum Framework Outline	GCFM LCP Module
I Biblical & Theological Foundations	<i>Module 1: Biblical and Theological Foundations of Adventist Family Ministries</i>
II Family & Mission	<i>Module 2: The Family: A Center for Evangelism</i>
III Christian Marriage	<i>Module 3: Marriage: A Divine Design</i>
IV Parent Education & Guidance	<i>Module 4: Parenting: A Discipleship Model</i>
V Family Life Education: Programs, Practice, and Ethics	<i>Module 5: Family Ministries: Practice and Ethics</i>
VI Families and Individuals in Societal Context	<i>Module 6: Family Life in Contemporary Society</i>
VII Interpersonal Relationships	<i>Module 7: Communication and Managing Conflict in the Family</i>
VIII Human Sexuality Across the Lifespan	<i>Module 8: Foundations of Human Sexuality</i>
IX Human Growth & Development Across the Lifespan	<i>Module 9: Development of Persons Across the Lifespan</i>
X Family Resource Management	<i>Module 10: Family Resources and Resilience</i>

THE FAMILY MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (LCP) 2.0 TRAINING

- **The training is offered primarily in two separate training events—of at least six months apart—consisting of 15 hours each of lecture/seat time; 3 hours per Module (a 15-minute break after every 1.5 hours of lecture is required).**

THE FAMILY MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (LCP) 2.0

- **Participants will receive a certificate of attendance from the General Conference Department of Family Ministries if they attend all Module lectures for Level 1 and Level 2.**
- **This program offers participants the opportunity to earn a Family Ministries Leadership Certificate with 3.0 CEUs (continuing education units) from Andrews University upon completion of both Level 1 and Level 2.**
- **Certificates will state that the individual participated in a 50-hour certification program.**
- **Certificates will be issued and sent to the Division Director upon attendance to all Module lectures and successful completion of independent learning as per the stipulated requirements and signature verification of the authorized leader.**

THE FAMILY MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (LCP) 2.0 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- **Participants will:**
- **Have an overarching understanding of families within the context of God's creation intent and His redemptive purpose in ministering to families.**
- **Have a knowledge of the content and processes of each Module of the Family Ministries Leadership Curriculum to assist in developing and implementing a Family Ministries plan.**
- **Demonstrate leadership skill levels in family life education and enrichment that are adequate for facilitating particular events. Know and maintain the appropriate boundary that separates counseling (therapy) and family life education and enrichment, and respect the qualifications required for each. Live and minister with the highest ethical standards and within the scope of their qualifications.**

THE FAMILY MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (LCP) 2.0 EXPECTED OUTCOMES CONT...

- **Participants will:**
- **Identify available family life resources and programs. Assess their compatibility or incompatibility with Scripture, the Writings of Ellen G White and Adventist perspectives on the family.**
- **Support pastors in family approaches to evangelism and engage in the evangelization and discipling of families for Christ.**

PROMOTIONAL POSTERS

GENERAL CONFERENCE
FAMILY MINISTRIES

LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM 2.0

LEVEL 1

FOR DIVISION, UNION, CONFERENCE,
MISSION DIRECTORS OF FAMILY MINISTRIES,
PASTORS AND OTHER CHURCH LEADERS

PLAN TO JOIN THIS TRAINING

WHEN? TRAINING EVENT DATES	WHERE? LOCATION OF TRAINING EVENT / ZOOM LINK
HOW TO REGISTER? PLEASE INCLUDE EXACT INFORMATION HERE	
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Adventist Family Ministries I WILL GO HOME

BUILDING CAPACITY IN FAMILY MINISTRIES LEADERSHIP

GENERAL CONFERENCE
FAMILY MINISTRIES

LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION PROGRAM 2.0

LEVEL 2

FOR DIVISION, UNION, CONFERENCE,
MISSION DIRECTORS OF FAMILY MINISTRIES,
PASTORS AND OTHER CHURCH LEADERS

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REAL FAMILY TALK COLUMN



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LIVING FAITH
WILLIE & ELAINE OLIVER •

The blood of relationships

Q. *One of my pet peeves is when my husband and I are at home at the end of the day, catching up with each other, when the phone rings in the middle of what I am saying and he answers it. Our lives are so busy it feels like we are passing each other as two ships in the night. I wish he would set better boundaries and protect our time together from interruptions. What do you think?*



REAL FAMILY TALK

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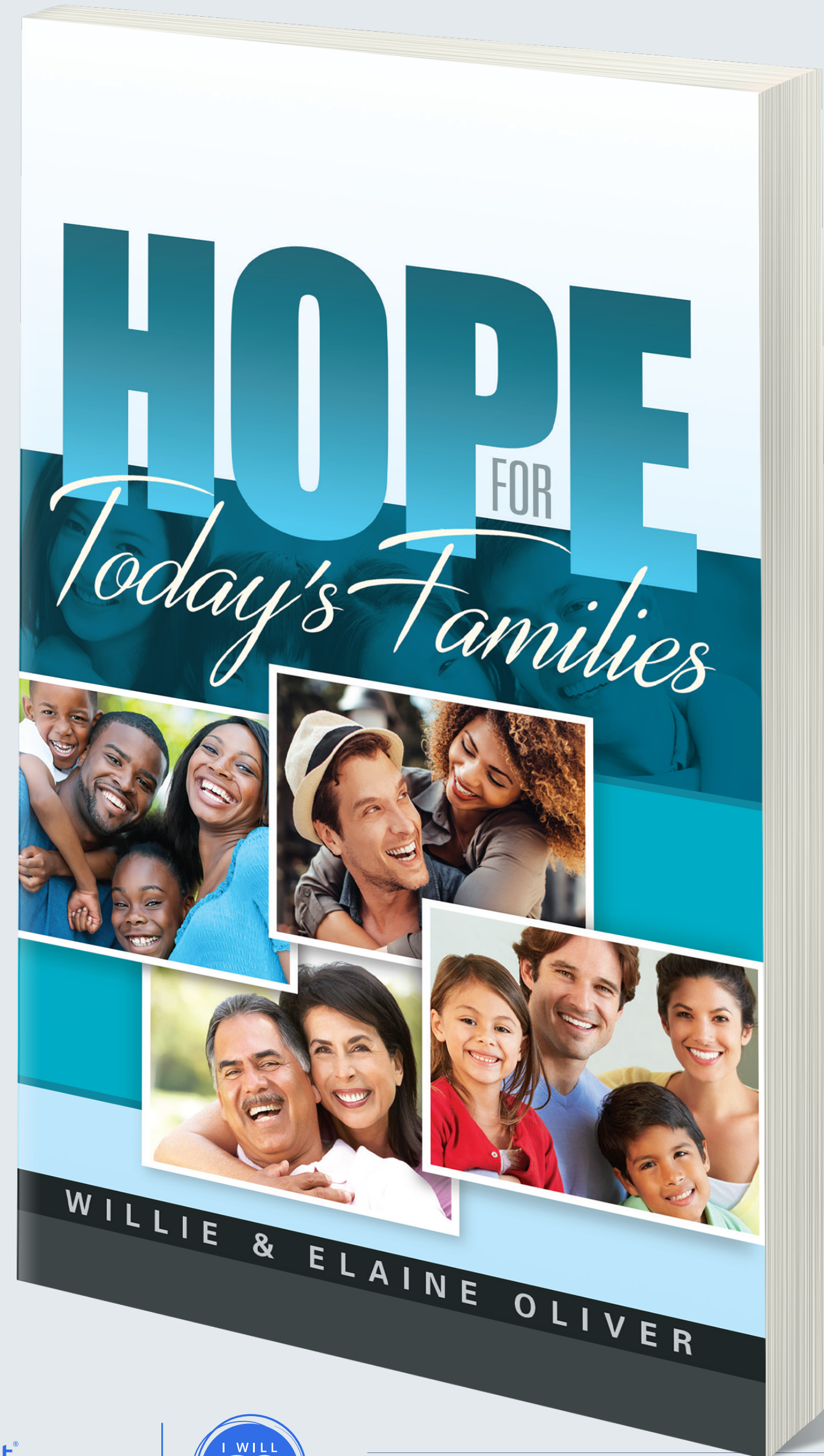
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HOPE FOR TODAY'S FAMILIES



HOPE FOR TODAY'S FAMILIES STUDY GUIDES

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Today's Families



THE FAMILY: GOD'S INVENTION

Connected

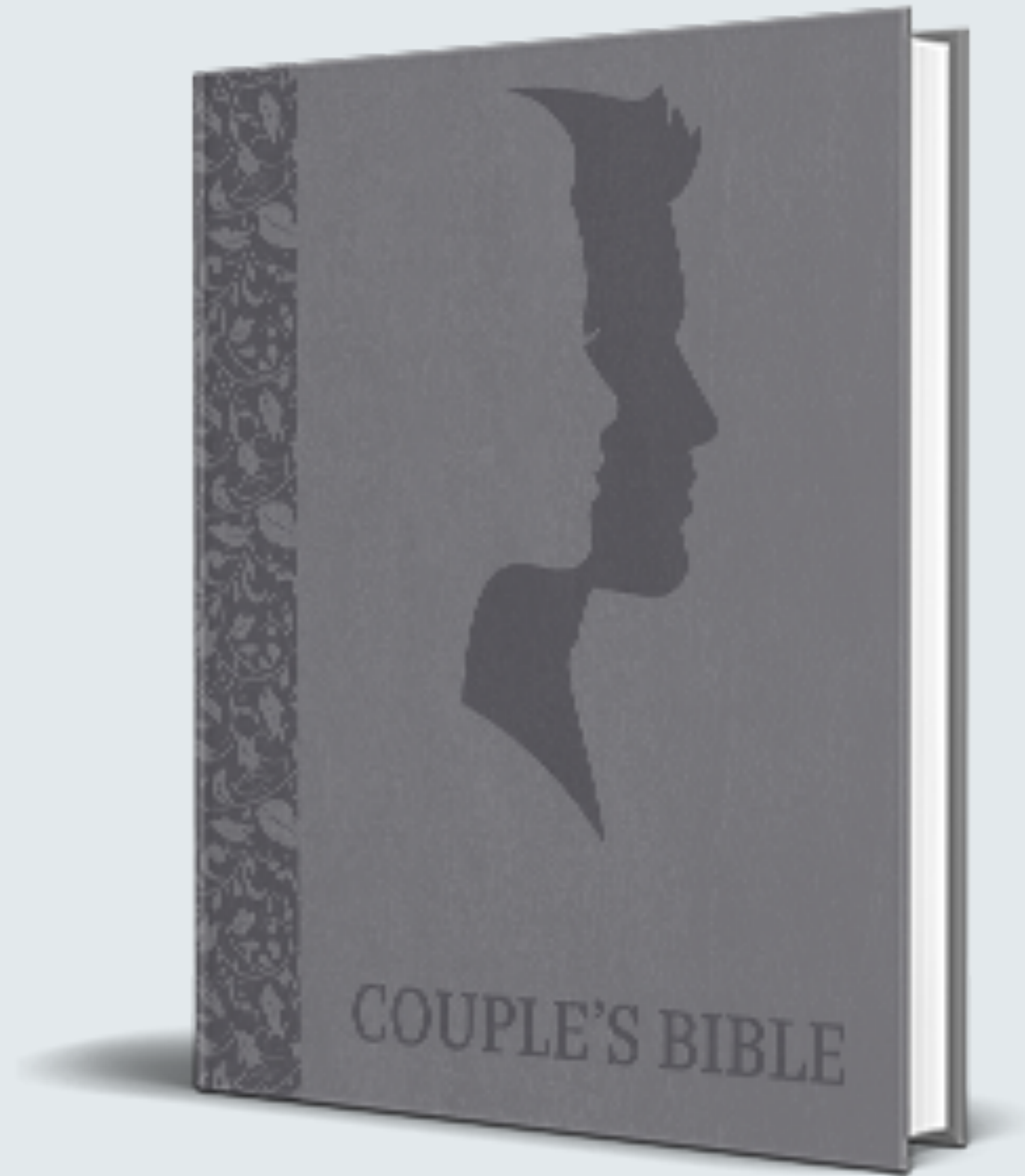
devotional readings
for an intimate marriage



Willie and Elaine Oliver



COUPLE'S BIBLE



LEADERSHIP NEWSLETTER



GENERAL CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY MINISTRIES

CONNECTING
LEADERSHIP NEWSLETTER

THE WITNESS OF FAMILY



“*One well-ordered, well-disciplined family, tells more in behalf of Christianity than all the sermons that can be preached.*”

Ellen G. White, *The Adventist Home*, p. 32.





THE PROMISE OF SUCCESS

“*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*”

Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)






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