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Robert Rogers Will Share Story of Heartbreak and Healing in “Parenting With No Regrets”

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – On a late Saturday night in August 2003, Robert Rogers’ life was changed forever. He was driving home from a wedding with his wife and their four young children when a heavy rainstorm swept their minivan off the highway. They were caught in a flash flood that was later estimated at six feet high and hundreds of feet wide. As their van began to fill with water, Rogers tried to kick open a window and pull his family to safety. Instead, he was instantly sucked through the window and into the raging water when the pressure inside their vehicle changed. Rogers was the lone survivor.

Members of the community are invited to attend “Parenting With No Regrets,” which will feature Rogers’ compelling testimony on Monday, Nov. 4. Sponsored by the Gardner-Webb Center For Christian Ethics and Leadership, the free event will be held from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Stewart Hall, located inside the Tucker Student Center. Rogers will discuss details from the tragic night he lost his wife of 11 years and all four children, whose ages were eight, five, three and one.

“When I was drowning with my family underwater in the darkness, I could literally sense the peace of God assuring me that they were all going to heaven and that it was all going to be okay,” said Rogers. “There was no pain. There was no fear. I continued to simply trust God. Somehow, he pulled me above the rapids and over to the shore. It’s a miracle I’m alive.”

After giving up his job as an electric engineer, Rogers now spends all of his time traveling the country and talking to groups about finding hope in the midst of tragedy. He now challenges people to know God and to live a life with no regrets. He wears a special wristband that reads “KNOW GOD, No Regrets,” and has passed out more than 30,000 wristbands since he started his Mighty In the Land Ministry in 2004.

Through the ministry, Rogers helps orphans and has funded seven orphanages on four continents in honor and in memory of his family. In addition, he has also authored two books, *Into the Deep*, which he shares his personal testimony and *7 Steps to No Regrets*, which helps readers find peace with God, others and themselves. For more information on Robert Rogers and his ministry, visit mightyintheland.com.

In addition to the speaking at this event, Rogers will serve as the distinguished speaker at the weekly Dimensions program at Gardner-Webb, held on Tuesday Nov. 5 at 9:25 a.m., in Paul Porter Arena, located inside the Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center (LYCC). Gardner-Webb University's Dimensions programs are free and open to the public. The goal of Dimensions is to enhance the spiritual, intellectual and cultural life at the University and also to promote a sense of community. More information is available by calling 704-406-4277.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).