

9TH UNPLUGGED

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JUDGE LATIMORE: Hi, I'm Judge Latimore.

MS. RAUB: And I'm Stacy Raub.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And you are listening to 9th Unplugged.

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JUDGE LATIMORE: So before we become unplugged and stop talking about work, tell me which department you work in and what your job duties are.

MS. RAUB: So I work in the – I'm a digital court reporter. And I work in the court reporting department.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And how long have you been doing that?

MS. RAUB: Since 2017.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And tell – can you just explain to everyone how that really works today in the court system, court reporting.

MS. RAUB: Court reporting in general. Let me say this, I can talk on digital court reporting so, it's a mystery to most people, isn't it. It's – we're the people that are listening constantly to the courtrooms to make sure the audio is clear, there is a clear record. We identify the cases. We're not ignore – you know, it's hard to imagine that we're always there but we are always tuned in to one courtroom or another to make sure that we have a clear record.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Wonderful. You're the silent observer, really no one knows you're back there listening, but you're overseeing everything that's going on as opposed –

MS. RAUB: And we're maintain – yeah, and we're maintaining like a clear notation system so we can find the record when it's needed later.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right, and most people think of a court reporter as someone who is sitting there as a stenographer and they can see them in the courtroom. And we've advanced to where you don't have to actually be in the courtroom, right?

MS. RAUB: Right. Right. So we produce the record later if it's – if it's requested. Then a transcriptionist will come in and they will listen to the audio and do the same thing. They'll produce a written record.

JUDGE LATIMORE: All right. Enough about work. Let's get unplugged. So when you're not at work, what do you enjoy doing the most?

MS. RAUB: So we have a lot of hobbies, but right now, my husband and I, we are volunteers with – we have our own production company. And we produce on our own dime, we don't charge for it, we produce videos for Christian testimonies. And we also support homeless ministries and community centers that are wanting to produce programs that they can use for their own fundraising.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Now, how long have you been doing that?

MS. RAUB: We started that in 2018.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Wow. How is it that that came to birth?

MS. RAUB: You know I'm a Christian. I was just sitting there saying, all right, what am I going to do. And that was what was put in my heart. You know, I've always had this sense of service, which is why I would want to work as a civil servant.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yes.

MS. RAUB: But you know I just felt like what could I do for the community. And we thought that would fill a need.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Now, where were you raised?

MS. RAUB: Here.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Here in Orlando?

MS. RAUB: Here in Winter Park, yeah.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Winter Park. And so tell me a little bit about your family. Did you have a firm Christian upbringing and is that something that influenced you?

MS. RAUB: I didn't. I was – I was converted in my twenties. I had what I call her my nosy neighbor that just wouldn't stop talking about the Bible.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. RAUB: So it paid off for her because I was one of those people that said I would never become a Christian. And anyway, over time, my conversion story is what sort of started this project. And I wanted to share it and we invested a lot of money and equipment, as you can see around you, it's quite expensive to produce really good quality work.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And you're doing that with your husband.

MS. RAUB: I am.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And what does your husband do for a living?

MS. RAUB: My husband is a respiratory specialist at – in the COVID-19 unit in ICU.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Well, you all are directly touching that – that issue that we’re dealing with on a day-to-day basis.

MS. RAUB: Yeah, we are. And you know my husband probably is more of a testimony than I am right now. He’s – he works daily with people that are on ventilators and you know, suffering from – you know, they’re dying and they’re suffering from long term disease consequences.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah. Other than the service that you are giving to our community and we thank you for that. It’s just wonderful to hear that and to know that you all are doing that in our community. What else do you all do to kind of escape and get away and just have some fun, kick your feet up?

MS. RAUB: So we’re nature enthusiasts, you know, we love to get out in nature. We own kayaks. We paddleboard, we have raised three beautiful children. Now they’re adults and we all vacation together and you know, so we like to get out and –

JUDGE LATIMORE: What’s your favorite spot that you’ve had a chance to visit?

MS. RAUB: Lately?

JUDGE LATIMORE: Um-hum.

MS. RAUB: Well, I will tell you this, I went to a state park called the Falling Waters State Park.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Where?

MS. RAUB: Girl, it’s –

JUDGE LATIMORE: That’s right, girl. Plug you in.

MS. RAUB: You won't even believe it. We have a waterfall in Florida.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Yeah, that's why I was like where. I'm writing it down.

MS. RAUB: Well, it's up near Tallahassee.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. RAUB: And we were at the state capitol a couple of weeks ago and so I said we have to go see a waterfall in Florida.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, and was that a beautiful experience?

MS. RAUB: It really was. I mean, it's a sinkhole but it's a 70-foot sinkhole. And it's quite beautiful. It was a nice hike and good weather.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What are some of the other adventurous activities you've done with you and your family?

MS. RAUB: So we – you know, we will go – we spend a lot of time at the beach. We eat dinner together. You know, now that COVID has hit, I can't have my big family get-togethers so we'll set up the patio with tables everywhere. And you know my husband is very strict, we all have to wear our masks when we're not eating and you know we're sitting far apart.

JUDGE LATIMORE: That's a good idea.

MS. RAUB: But we have managed to work it out where we can still get together safely and you know – and enjoy family time. That's very important to us.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Do you have any pets?

MS. RAUB: Not anymore.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What happen – oh, no, I don't know if I want to ask.

MS. RAUB: But you know if you want to call my husband and tell him I would like a new puppy.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, for the record – for the record, she wants a puppy.

MS. RAUB: Yeah, we don't. Now, we puppy sit. My son has a dog that we puppy sit and it's kind of cute over Christmas, this dog followed my husband around everywhere and he wrote a song for the dog which we recorded and sent to my son on vacation.

JUDGE LATIMORE: So you all produce and you are musicians, and just a wealth of creativity and activities between the two of you.

MS. RAUB: We try to find a lot of wholesome good activities to do.

JUDGE LATIMORE: So what makes you feel at peace?

MS. RAUB: Yeah, just you know what makes me feel at peace is knowing God's in control.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay.

MS. RAUB: It really does.

JUDGE LATIMORE: And when you are at your most quiet moment I guess, what is it that you probably wish you could do that you haven't done before?

MS. RAUB: Retire.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Oh, so are you going to do –

MS. RAUB: If my boss hears this I know I'm working ten more years, but yes, retire.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What are you going to do when you retire? Other than ministry, is there anything else you wish to do?

MS. RAUB: Probably more ministry. Probably more ministry. We've applied for a grant so while we've been self-funded for a couple of years, we applied for a grant and it could be – you know, we're on a national network, television network so it could be something that supplements our retirement income.

JUDGE LATIMORE: What's one of your most memorable experiences by working with homeless?

MS. RAUB: That they appreciate people who really care about them.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Okay, yeah.

MS. RAUB: They really do. They recognize it.

JUDGE LATIMORE: Well, I appreciate you taking out the time to get unplugged with me today. It was very nice meeting you.

MS. RAUB: It was nice meeting you.

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