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## American Heritage Girls presents 'A Raising Godly Girls Guide to Caring for Creation'

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**CINCINNATI, Ohio** — Earth's wilderness is dwindling at <u>an alarming rate</u>. Humanity's impact on the natural world is a direct reflection of society's opinion of God's creation. Despite the Bible's insistence that man cares for nature, <u>research shows</u> that only two-thirds of evangelicals say God gave humans a duty to protect and care for the Earth, including plants and animals.

American Heritage Girls (AHG, <u>www.americanheritagegirls.org</u>), one of the nation's premier scout-type organizations for girls ages five to 18, is proud to announce the launch of "<u>A Raising Godly Girls Guide to Caring for Creation</u>." As society ignores the command to care for the natural world, AHG is equipping parents and loved ones to provide their girls with the tools to care for God's creation while never losing sight of their greatest responsibility: sharing the Gospel and glorifying the Creator.

In today's world where environmental issues are front and center, raising girls with a strong biblical worldview is essential. "The Raising Godly Girls Guide to Caring for Creation" helps parents and loved ones teach their girls to care for the earth in a way that honors God. While culture often focuses on the environment, it rarely acknowledges the Creator behind it. This guide helps girls in balancing environmental advocacy with faith, empowering them to engage in important conversations with purpose — rooted in Biblical truth, not in the shifting tides of political and cultural trends.

"As we consider the world we live in today, the need for a biblical perspective on environmental stewardship is more crucial than ever," said AHG Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay. "Just over 50% of Americans say that Holy Scripture contains lessons about the environment. It appears that only half of Christians in our country have cracked open a Bible to learn God's truth about our role as stewards of His creation. These findings reveal that many Christians lack a solid Biblical Worldview, and this disconnect is deeply troubling. The Church today faces a challenge — instilling a proper understanding of creation care that begins with the Creator Himself.

"At American Heritage Girls, we are committed to raising godly girls with a firm understanding of Biblical truths. Teaching environmental stewardship through this lens is essential. We are called to care for the earth, but more importantly, to reflect God's glory in doing so."

Providing a solid framework for girls looking to honor God and His creation is critical for the future of American Christianity. On a recent episode of *AHG's Raising Godly Girls (RGG) podcast*, special host Natalie Ambrose spoke with Dr. Charles Fay, a leading expert in child psychology and co-founder of the renowned

Love and Logic Institute. In the episode, Dr. Fay shares his expertise on raising mentally strong kids, blending neuroscience with practical parenting strategies that help girls build resilience and emotional strength in today's challenging world. Drawing from years of experience working with children in psychiatric and school settings, as well as personal inspiration from his father, Dr. Fay offers invaluable insights on how parents and loved ones can foster mental strength, good decision-making and independence in their daughters.

"In a world that is quickly diverging from God, it is crucial for Christian parents and loved ones to encourage and equip girls with the tools necessary to make a difference, both with the natural world as well as in society," commented Garibay.

Tune in to this week's <u>Raising Godly Girls (RGG)</u> podcast and "Raising Godly Girls" one-minute <u>radio</u> feature to equip, affirm and strengthen parents and loved ones toward raising mentally strong girls, helping them build independence and become problem solvers.

American Heritage Girls was founded in 1995 by a group of parents who wanted this faith-based, scout-type character development program for their daughters. At AHG, girls ages five to 18 meet together as a single Troop at the same time and then break out into Units by Levels. This gives AHG girls the important social experience of interacting with friends and Godly mentors of various ages; members also learn leadership skills within a group setting. AHG Troops are located in local communities across the nation. If none exists in a given area, families can bring the AHG Program to their own area. An American Heritage Girls Troop Development Coach is available to provide resources to potential Charter Organizations and other families to form a new Troop. To hear more about the purpose, mission and vision of AHG from Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay, click here.

Today, there are <u>Troops</u> in all 50 states and girls being served in 15 countries around the globe. Girls can join a Troop at any time; if a Troop is not available nearby, they can become a <u>Trailblazer</u> and enjoy the *AHG* program alongside their parents. A variety of Christian denominations are also represented as <u>Charter</u> <u>Organizations</u> for Troops. Thousands of volunteer members across the country are helping girls grow in their faith, cultivate a heart for service, enjoy the great outdoors, and have more fun than they can imagine.

AHG offers various resources under "Raising Godly Girls," including a weekly podcast, one-minute radio features, a blog, and guides for parents. All "Raising Godly Girls" platforms and materials offer guidance and biblically based advice on various topics affecting girls today, such as bullying, identity, anxiety, and body image issues. "Raising Godly Girls" provides parents, educators, and faith community leaders with tools, resources, and Scripture-based advice to help raise girls after God's own heart.

*AHG's* new podcast, <u>"Raising Godly Girls,"</u> features fresh episodes every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Subscribe and follow on any major podcast platform or visit <u>raisinggodlygirls.com</u>. Additionally, the <u>"Raising Godly Girls Minute"</u> with Patti Garibay airs on 1000+ Christian radio stations across the country.

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To inquire about airing the <u>"Raising Godly Girls Minute" with Patti Garibay</u>, contact Michael Hamilton, 610.584.1096, ext. 101.