

MARRIAGE

My husband Austin and I will soon celebrate our 49th wedding anniversary. I met Austin when he was a junior and I was a freshman in college. We were in the same history class. We married 2 days after he graduated.

It's amazing, but I'm still learning about marriage. First I'm learning how much mercy is needed, mainly God's mercy and people's too. I've said for a long time that mercy is needed in child rearing. If you're honest how can you have any pride? The same is true in marriage.

Second I'm learning how sacred marriage is. Recently Austin said that all his life while growing up he'd dreamed of having a Godly wife (obviously not when he was 1 yr old) and couldn't understand why others likewise wouldn't have that goal.

When you hear your husband say something like that, it puts marriage in a different light. Focus is not on irritations of daily life but on how sacred it is.

Next, it's so important to know the correct order... always God first, then husband. In Ephesians the writer lovingly states that the husband is head of the wife as Christ is head of the Church. We strive to follow God's will in all things. Again there is mercy!

Let's celebrate God and His wonderful, sacred institution called marriage where a man and woman can live together, work together serving Him, and have children. Life is not boring. Thank you God for marriage.