



New Beginnings Marriage Ministry

Living Joyfully and United as One

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**Elisa and Gary Dossett
Married April 7, 1967
Houston, Texas**

New Beginnings: How did you to first meet?

Elissa: We met in Post Oak Music Store; he was brought in to manage the store and I was a teacher at the store. We later bought the store.

New Beginnings: What did you love about him when you first met him?

Elissa: I didn't like Gary at all when we first met. When I was teaching piano he would have a drum student and I could hardly hear my student because the studios weren't sound proof. So when I taught organ I would turn the organ up loud so he couldn't hear his clarinet student. We were both engaged to other people. Then in Aug. 1966 the owner collapsed in the store and died. His wife called me to open the store clean it up and call all the students. I called and asked Gary & Charlie, (Gary's roommate), to meet me and help me. Gary offered to take me to the funeral and his kindness and consideration blew me away. When he brought me home from the funeral we had our first kiss and I tingled clear down to my toes. I received my engagement ring that Thanksgiving and we were married in April of 1967. Gary was the first man who understood my music career and didn't want me to give it up.

New Beginnings: What do you love about him today?

Elissa: Gary has always supported me in every endeavor I have tried and has been my rock through all of my serious health issues.

New Beginnings: What strength does he bring to the marriage?

Elissa: He maintains a constant positive attitude, no matter what the crisis, and has an unwavering faith in our Lord.



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New Beginnings: What strength do you bring to the marriage?

Elissa: I don't give up. And my faith.

New Beginnings: How would you describe your marriage today?

Elissa: We are more in love today than when we married.

New Beginnings: What role does God play in your marriage?

Elissa: God is the cement in our marriage. We wouldn't want to, nor would we know how to, live without God in our lives.

New Beginnings: What tips do you have for other couples striving for a lasting and loving marriage?

Elissa: Never lose the romance; we still make dates with each other. Never forget the Golden Rule and the family that prays together stays together.