



## **New Beginnings Marriage Ministry**

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**Jay and Denise  
Married September 2, 2000  
Kansas City, Kansas**

### **New Beginnings: How did you first meet?**

Jay likes to say we met at a bar, which is technically true. We met at a new employee happy hour for the Houston-based company we both started at out of college.

We were both attracted to each other's smiles. :-)

### **New Beginnings: What do you love about the other today?**

Today we both love the other for being the Father and Mother of our three girls. Our priorities are both set to #1 God; #2 Marriage and #3 Family. We can talk about anything.

### **New Beginnings: What strength does your spouse bring to the marriage?**

(Jay) brings his sense of loyalty, balance, and ability to remain calm to our marriage.

(Denise) brings an outgoing personality and adventurous spirit to try and learn new things.

### **New Beginnings: Was there ever a time in your marriage when you considered giving up?**

No, there was never a time when either of us considered giving up. When we encountered extremely difficult issues we prayed, cried, and found peace and perseverance from the Holy Spirit.

### **New Beginnings: How would you describe your marriage today?**

Today, we'd describe our marriage as a work in progress, stronger and better than ever.



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

God is the center, glue and foundation of our marriage.

### **New Beginnings: What Scripture verse best describes your marriage?**

Jeremiah 29:11 describes our marriage, our family, and our faith, "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for good and not for evil..."

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

Our tip for other couples would be to put God first: study His Word and everything else will fall into place.