



## **New Beginnings Marriage Ministry**

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**Kenneth and Karen Bernhardt  
Married December 21, 1975  
Beaumont, TX**

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

Kenneth: We attended the same church and a mutual friend introduced us.

### **New Beginnings: What did you love about the other when you first met?**

Kenneth: She was a believer in Jesus Christ, AND cute and single. She has demonstrated her love for Jesus Christ by continuing to obey the commands in the Bible.

Karen: His zeal for the Lord.

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

Kenneth: She brings a devotion to Jesus Christ and obedience to the Bible; she is faithful.

Karen: He is focused on seeking God in all aspects of our life.

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

Kenneth: A willingness to serve the Lord; to follow Him obediently; to discover the truth contained in the Word.

Karen: To pray and support Ken where God leads us.

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

Kenneth: We enjoy serving the Lord together in the same ministry. It's wonderful that we can stay focused on serving God.



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

Kenneth: He is the Good Shepherd, the One who sent the Holy Spirit to guide us. He is the center of our marriage

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

John 10:10 - The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

And Jeremiah 29:11 – 14 - For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

We are living out the plan He has for us.

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

Kenneth: Keep God first in your marriage, spouse 2nd and family 3rd. Open communication is critical. Talk and pray through all issues together and remember the Lord will keep His word to bless your marriage.