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## Scott's Thoughts



*"Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."* (Genesis 2:23–24, ESV)

For many years I thought my siblings and I would help Mom and Dad celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. When they decided to give them a party on their fortieth anniversary, I was unable to attend. I have always regretted that because my father died just a little over a year after that celebration. They would never have a fiftieth.

Most of what I thought about marriage growing up came from Mom and Dad. What I witnessed was two people who loved each other completely. That is not to say they never had a disagreement, because they did, but it was seldom that we saw it. Dad only had eyes for Mom, and she was head over heels in love with him. They made it work!

When Ava and I stood before our family, friends, and God to take those vows, I thought I knew what marriage was all about. How wrong I was. Do not take that statement to mean that I have regrets about marriage. I do not! I was simply ignorant of what marriage was all about. I'm not an authority on marriage. I have enjoyed

being married, raising three wonderful daughters and now, we are blessed with two grandchildren. I do know that if I had to do it all over again, I would still pick Ava, without a moment's hesitation

While I have been a part of this marriage, it is necessary for you to know that Ava has been the glue that has allowed us this time together. I have the kindest, most loving wife ever. She loves God, me, our daughters, and our grandchildren in that order. But more than that, she loves people. She sees the good in everyone and tries to bring out the best in them. I'm awfully glad she finally said yes, all those years ago.

On Friday, Ava and I will celebrate fifty years as husband and wife. Our children and grandchildren all plan to be with us. We will also be surrounded by many other family members and friends. I am humbled that God has allowed me to live long enough to experience this milestone. I don't know what the future holds for Ava and me, but I pray that however many more years God grants us that we are able to spend them together with God right here in Newkirk.

*"An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain."* (Proverbs 31:10–11, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining.

—Scott