It’s Not Heaven, But It’s Close
Thoughts on Marriage

Marriage is an adventure, not an achievement.—David A. Seamands

Knit your hearts with an unslipping knot.—William Shakespeare

It takes years to marry completely two hearts, even of the most loving. A happy wedlock is a long falling in love.—Theodore Parker

Success in marriage is much more than finding the right person: It is a matter of being the right person.—Robert Browning (1812–1889)

Even if marriages are made in Heaven, man has to be responsible for the maintenance.—James C. Dobson

You can bear your own faults, why not a fault in your wife?—Benjamin Franklin

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The Lord God said, “It isn’t good for man to be alone; I will make a companion for him, a helper suited to his needs” (The Bible, Genesis 2:18, TLB).

Not Alone

God knew it right away.

I don’t know when it first Occurred to Him, But the minute He saw A human being, He knew.

It’s not good for people to live alone.

There are exceptions to that rule, But I’m not one of them.

Living alone is strictly bananas For this pilgrim.

Someone to care, Someone to share, Someone to bear Your burdens.

I don’t want to meet Struggles and heartaches Without you praying With me For them.

Together we are more Than apart, and so I’m glad He put us Together.

—Author unknown

The Christian is supposed to love his neighbor, and since his wife is his nearest neighbor, she should be his deepest love.—Martin Luther (1483–1546)

More than four hundred years ago, Martin and Katherine Luther had a happy marriage, history tells us, though even they struggled with situations common to most marriages today.

Once while he was traveling, Luther wrote home: “To the saintly, worrying lady, Katherine Luther, doctor at Zulsdorf [the home of her inherited farm] and Wittenberg, my gracious, dear wife. We thank you heartily for being so worried that you can’t sleep, for since you started worrying about us, a fire broke out near my door. And yesterday, no doubt due to your worry, a big stone, save for the angels, would have fallen and crushed me like a mouse in a trap. If you don’t stop worrying, I’m afraid the earth will swallow us. Pray, let God worry.”

In spite of differences of opinion, Martin deeply valued family life. Before his marriage, he sometimes spoke of matrimony as a necessity for the flesh. Afterward, he saw it as an opportunity for the spirit. He often quoted the saying, “Let the wife make her husband glad to come home, and let him make her sorry to see him leave.”

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