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**CRAIG & ROBIN  
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**R**obin and I met at our Church Youth Group when we were both still in High School. Both of us were raised in strong Christian homes and our parents gave us great examples of a God-centered marriage. We were both Christians, having accepted Christ at an early age, but we were not walking in serious relationships with Jesus. We were practicing “book shelf” Christianity, pulling God off the shelf when we needed him and quickly placing him back when we didn’t.

We began dating after I took Robin to her High School prom my Junior year and parts of our relationship quickly moved into inappropriate territory. Seven months after we began dating Robin became pregnant. Three months later we were married and 6 months after that, our first child was born. We were very young and had an “us versus the world” mentality.

Our marriage was defined by just trying to survive and make ends meet. We went to church, but outside of that we never discussed our individual relationship with God. Life was filled with work, daycare, bills, car repairs and moving once a year. We were too busy for God.

About 8 years after we married, we started noticing the void of God in

our lives. We were empty, flat and tired. During this time Robin and I decided to start attending another church that her parents had recommended and I grudgingly agreed to give it a try. God used this church in a mighty way in our lives. Several older couples surrounded us and started to mentor Robin and I, and for the first time in our marriage

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we were working on our individual relationships with Christ. We also started to attend marriage conferences and seminars and started to make a focused effort to work on our marriage. We honestly didn’t think we had a bad marriage, but as we unpacked what God’s word was saying to us, we quickly realized how much of our marriage was built on the wrong principles. The key principals that we learned during this time was simply to put God first, above everything else, even our children and

even each other, and to focus on our own individual relationships with God instead of trying to fix our spouse. “Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain”. Ps 127:1

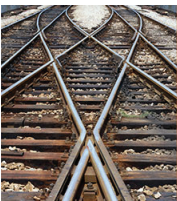
We’ve been married 35 years now and we’ve learned a lot. Mostly that we still have a lot to learn. Each season of our lives has brought different blessings, but also different struggles that pulled at us and had the potential to threaten our marriage. Losing a business, losing a job, financial struggles, family dysfunctions, watching our three daughters start their own marriages, God has walked us through these and more. But these moments in life can still take a toll on your marriage and Robin and I have learned that even the strongest marriages need maintenance occasionally. We learned that when this happens, we need time to work on our marriage, we need other couples to walk alongside us and we need to refresh our understanding of how God defines a marriage. We learned that maintaining a healthy marriage is an on-going practice, not a single event. This is what re|engage did for us. It gave us time every week to focus on us and refresh our marriage. We learned more insights on God’s plan for marriage and how to better communicate with each

other. And it gave us a community of other believers to walk alongside.

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In truth, I wasn’t real excited about attending re|engage when Robin first mentioned it to me, but I’m glad we did. We have attended other marriage conferences and seminars and the re|engage program is probably one of the best tools we’ve come across. Every marriage can benefit from this program.

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