

Wedding of Jameson & Lane

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Friday, September 05, 2014

7:18 AM

- **The Procession**

- **The Invocation**

We gather here remembering our Baptism, and do so in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. Amen.

Please be seated.

Doubly blessed is the couple which comes to the marriage altar with the approval and blessings of their families and friends. Who has the honor of presenting this woman to be married to this man?

(Jay answers on behalf of he & Val, kisses Jameson and returns to his seat.)

- **The Introduction**

(Jameson & Lane Face Me)

Dear friends and family, with great affection for Jameson and Lane, we are gathered together to witness and bless their union in marriage. To this sacred moment they bring the fullness of their hearts as a treasure and a gift from God to share with one another.

They bring the dreams which bind them together in an eternal commitment. They bring their gifts and talents, their unique personalities and spirits, which God will unite together into one being as they build their life together.

We rejoice with them in thankfulness to the Lord, for creating this union of hearts, built on friendship, respect and love.

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My name is Rick Johnson and not only am I Jameson's extremely proud Uncle, but am also a Deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. I am a poor, last minute substitute for the man of God who should be officiating here today. That man is Jameson's Uncle Jeff who is still on the mend from surgery.

Jeff, we pray for your full and complete recovery and thank you for the example you set each day of Faith, Love, Determination and Fight.

God Bless You and keep you well.

- **The Reading**

At this point I would like to call on Jeff Weeden, who will give the Reading.....

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- **The Message**

So I 'd like to talk to you both now. Everyone else can listen in - but this is just for you.

In preparing this Message, I researched the Bible for verses on Marriage, the most well-known being the one Jeff read from today.... But there are others, particularly in Proverbs and Song of Solomon, and as I studied them, I was struck by the tradition of old that suggested a semblance of marital dominance the husband traditionally exerted over his wife.

Lane, I can tell you that in today's America, there might be some sense of dominance still, but in my experience it sure isn't the husband over the wife. In fact quite the opposite.

And Lane my friend, should the Lord bless you with children, be prepared to be sidelined for the next couple decades or so. That's just the way it is. And our Jameson has grown up watching quite an instructive set of examples - starting with our Valerie, followed by her Aunties. But fear not Lane, you still hit the lotto when Jameson accepted your marriage proposal.

But as both of you know in your hearts, successful marriages both yesterday & today, are built on partnerships, where both husband & wife bring commitments, talents, responsibilities and most importantly, love to bear.

Great marriages have a foundation of shared ideals that you might not even think about during the Great times - but will sustain you though the valleys that will occasionally appear.

Jameson, you're gonna like this.... This foundation I speak of, is like a tripod, which you use day in and day out with your Photography. Why a tripod?

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Well, the foundation of your marriage is borne on 3 legs, each equally dependent upon the others to support you both in your life together....

The first of these legs is Faith.

Make no mistake who has brought you to the wedding altar today. This is God's will, who deemed before either of you were born that the 2 of you were to be life partners, bound by a love that is His will & His blessing to you. Like all of us today here present, our Lord is rejoicing in your union, as it fulfills His Divine Plan.

Your lives are busy, and they will become busier. But never forget the most important thing you do in this life is maintain and grow your relationship with our Lord God, Jesus Christ. Guard your faith, continue to grow it. That is also God's Will.

The second of these legs of the Tripod is Family.

Lane, last night at the rehearsal dinner I saw you with your family. It is obvious the love you have for your parents - and them for each other - and them for you. I was struck by how close your brother & sisters are to each other. I spoke with your Dad and the happiness he professed at being married for over 28 years. What a great example you have to follow.

Jameson, I know you know - that your Mother seated just behind you loved you so much, that she risked her own life to have you & Jayson. She loved you that much - even before you were born. And your Mom & Dad have shown you firsthand what love will do. They built a family, tight knit, loving, always fun, even when the future was a little scary.

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Together with your Grandparents, your siblings, your Aunts, Uncles and cousins you both have witnessed lives bound by Love. Draw upon that example. Live out that experience both in good times but especially during life's challenges.

And the last of these legs of the Tripod are made up of Friends. Enjoy them, grow them in number, because they will be a sense of joy to you both throughout your lives. Friends are also gifts from God that he bestows on you at all stages of your lives.

Personally, I don't think you will have a problem finding or keeping friends, since secretly I think we all would like to be either Jameson or Lane. Your future looks that bright.

So these three legs of Faith, Family & Friends will provide the Foundation of your marriage, but what does it support? Well on top of your tripod, you will not find Jameson's latest Nikon, but you will find the Love you have for each other, wrapped in the commitment you make to each other today.

Your Love for each other must never be taken for granted. It must be expressed, nurtured and grown each and every day for the rest of your lives.

And that 1st expression of love is what you are doing right now. In front of God and these gathered, you are making a Commitment. That's right, today you are committing to each other. You're not signing a contract between each other. Why? Because a contract is a device that's used to provide a remedy out when one of the parties doesn't live up to their commitments.

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No today, you are creating a Covenant with each other. Because a Covenant is a commitment that states no matter what happens, good bad or indifferent, you are here for the other. You will love, honor support, and stand for each other - no matter what life throws at you.

It's not intended to provide a way out. It's a public, lifelong affirmation that to each other you are, and will remain, all-in.

Remember that the love that binds you is far stronger than anything which could divide you. That is precisely what you are affirming to each other today. This is the Covenant that you commit to each other today.

So if you're ready, and fully prepared to enter into this Covenant, let's get married.

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- The Vows

Mr. Best Man, be at the ready with the Rings please....

Jameson & Lane will you please face each other.

Lane, place this ring on Jameson's finger and repeat after me:

I, Lane Vincent Nenn, take you Jameson Weeden Batz, to be my wedded wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, 'til death do us part: according to God's holy ordinance, and thereto I pledge you my love and faithfulness.

Jameson place this ring on Lane's finger and repeat after me:

I, Jameson Weeden Batz, take you, Lane Vincent Nenn, to be my wedded husband, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, 'til death do us part: according to God's holy ordinance, and thereto I pledge you my love and faithfulness.

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- **The Wedding Prayer**

Let us pray for Jameson & Lane in their life together.

Faithful Lord, source of love, pour down your Grace upon Jameson & Lane, that they may fulfill the vows they have made this day and reflect your steadfast love in their life-long faithfulness to each other.

As members with them of the Body of Christ, use us to support their life together; and from your great store of strength give them Power & Patience, Affection & Understanding, Courage and love toward you, toward each other and toward the world that they may continue together in mutual growth according to your will in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

- **The Pronouncement**

Jameson and Lane,

By the authority vested me by the County of Cook, in the State of Illinois, in these United States of America, and most importantly through the divine will of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I proudly pronounce Lane & Jameson are now husband & wife. What Almighty God has joined together, let no one put asunder.

Lane, you may kiss your bride.

Ladies & Gentleman it is my distinct honor to introduce to you for the first time... Mr. & Mrs. Lane Nenn!

- **The Recession**