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**“The Best Marriage I Know”**

Marriage isn't everything. I realized I wanted to get married when I had my first boyfriend. Many people think that marriage is all about loving each other, but I disagree. I think love is only half the reason people get married.

The best marriage I have ever seen would have to be my father and mother. Just seeing them around the house lets me know how much they love each other. They giggle and hug each other every chance they get. My dad doesn't stay at home very often, but every time he is there my mom seems happy and is very glad he is home. I remember when I was little my parents almost got a divorce, but they worked out their issues and knew that a divorce wouldn't really fix the problem and wouldn't be the best thing to do.

They don't just love each other; they also respect each other as well. If they didn't respect each other, then their marriage wouldn't last very long at all. Another thing they do is care for each other in sickness and in health, just like they said in their vows when they got married. If my mother was ever sick or just down in the blues my father would care for her in any way he can, and my mother would do the same for him. The first year my dad moved to Tennessee to take care of our other house my mom would worry if he was cheating on her. She didn't worry very long, but she still doubted him. If she didn't get over her fear, well I just don't really know what would happen. I do know that she stopped worrying because she knew he loved her and would never do anything heart breaking like that.

The most important thing in their marriage would most certainly be that they could trust each other. Trust is probably the key ingredient to unlock the door of marriage. You absolutely have to trust your partner, and your partner has to be absolutely honest with you. Otherwise, your marriage will unbend and fall through to a divorce. You also have to believe in one another every step of the way, or they might lose their self-confidence. If you don't believe in your partner, then they won't believe in themselves. It's very hard to gain back their trust in you if you have lied or they haven't been very honest to you.

The reason I said marriage isn't everything is because you don't have to be married to be happy, or have that special bond with the love or your life, to be special to the other. Also, love is only half of why marriage lasts. The other half is respect, honesty, trustworthy, and believing in one another a whole 50% out of 100. I definitely know that I want to get married because when I look at my mom and dad I can see myself and husband just like my parents.