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## The Perfect Match

Have you ever tried to plan your perfect marriage? When I was little I used to fantasize about whom I was going to marry, what our jobs would be, and how many kids I would have. Then, I finally realized that I know two people who are living my fantasy.

My parents, Paul and Jo Batson, have a tremendous marriage. When they work together they make a great team! My parents always work hard to take care of me and my siblings, but they wouldn't be able to do it without the help of each other. I've always believed that opposites attract, and my parents are here to prove it. In some ways they are very alike and in others they are complete opposites. My mother is the one that helps everyone plan their schedule and remember what to do. Sometimes we get so dependent on her that we would probably forget to breathe if she wasn't there to tell us. My dad is very laid back and he livens up the mood all the time. It's hard to tell if he is serious or if he's joking because he is always messing around with us. Although my parents seem opposite, they fit together like a puzzle. None of the pieces are the same, but when they come together they fit perfectly to make a beautiful picture.

Though they are great most of the time, my parents aren't perfect. Marriage isn't about being happy all of the time; it's about learning from mistakes and coming closer when the fighting is resolved. If you are happy all the time then everything will be boring. It may sound wrong, but fights aren't always bad. When the fight is going on it seems terrible, but when everything is figured out you've come closer. It's great when you are able to resolve a fight by putting yourself in the other person's shoes because then you can understand each other better. My parents may fight, but they are able to compromise, and at the

end of the day everything is a lot better. My parents have showed me the ups and downs of marriage, and I hope that one day I can live just like they do.

There are some people who fall in love for a few months and then realize that they don't need their spouse. There are also people who love each other, but they spend their time making sure that everyone is satisfied, and they never have time to be with their spouse. My parents are right in the middle. They love each other truly, and they make it possible to actually spend time together. My parents spend practically all of their day planning around myself and my siblings' schedule. They work hard to make enough money for us to do things as a family or to let them go out. I'm very privileged to have parents that spend time together and with us. Their marriage not only affects them, but it affects my siblings and me too. It would be very hard to go through every night, praying that your parents wouldn't fight. Fortunately for me, my parents are able to work together to make time for each other and my family, so they don't fight very often. My parents balance their time with each other and my family well, so that no one has to worry.

Although they are different, my parents make a great team. They work together to make everyone's life better without forgetting each other. Even though they may fight, they are able to talk everything over and make their marriage stronger. When I see my parents I know that my fantasy could possibly become my reality.