

For 11,689 days.

Yesterday, my hubby and I celebrated 32 years of marriage. For youngsters like us, that's a lifetime. Okay, we're not youngsters, but seriously, that's a lot of days married. Fortunately for us, the good days have outweighed the bad.

As with most couples making this commitment, the two of us set out not at all sure of what life would bring us. We had hopes and dreams and a slight idea, and that's it. As it turns out, life's brought us plenty. Plenty to teach us lesson after lesson, that's for sure. For the benefit of my young readers, I'll share the two that stand out above the rest.

The first big lesson we learned very early on was that love was not going to be enough. That we would need mutual respect, sacrifice, compassion, patience, a lot of prayer, and some comedic relief to push through the rough and tough. You know, the "for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health" stuff.

The second big lesson came by way of Lauren and Danny. That's when we really learned the overall meaning of "to love and to cherish, till death do us part." Kids tug at the heart like nothing else does.

Fast forward 32 years and I'm not sure what new lessons life can teach at us at this point, but I do know Ray and I would like to learn them together. We thank God for these 11,689 days. May there be many more. Happy Anniversary, babe. ♥

What are you thankful for today?

Until next Thursday's post…si Dios quiere.

"I love being married. It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life."
-Rita Rudner

“Some of the freckles I once loved are now closer to liver spots. But it’s still the eyes we look at, isn’t it? That’s where we found the other person, and find them still.”
-J. Barnes

“Marriage is not a word — it is a sentence.”
-Author Unknown



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