

Both my husband and I have BYU graduate degrees—mine from the School of Family Life focused on marriage education and outreach, his from the Marriott School focused on organizational behavior and leadership. Not only did we meet and marry during our graduate studies, we also each learned great truths about human relationships and dynamics and were well trained in how to teach and share truth. Over the more than two decades since then, we've worked together to teach and encourage individuals and couples in their efforts to grow strong marriages and families as we've helped to develop and facilitate marriage and family life training and mentor others anywhere we can, including other countries where our family has lived. We've taught through community marriage classes and retreats, business sponsored conferences and workshops, and ward/stake opportunities to give talks, lessons, and lead self-reliance programs on topics of marriage preparation and strengthening, motherhood and fatherhood, and intentional family work. We've been purposeful in prosaic conversations to share messages and inspire focus on marriage and family. Most importantly, we teach and prepare our own eleven children to create and build healthy, flourishing marriages and families that will be a strength wherever they go.