

Sarah,

I knew from the time that we met at 19 that God brought us together. What I didn't know was what that meant or what a great honor that was.

I have spent too much of our marriage acting like a little boy, when you needed me to be a man. I have dishonored you in ways that should have never happened. I was a spiritually lazy husband, disengaged and selfish. I did not treat you as God's daughter and did not love you the way Jesus loves.

There was a morning during some of our roughest days when you left me a link to the song "Lead Me". I had never heard it before. I listened, cried, listened again and cried some more. I knew that I had not been the leader of our family. How could I lead our family when I knew I had not allowed Jesus to lead me. It was that morning that I decided it was time to tell Satan to get behind me, and I was going to let Jesus lead me, so that I could lead you and our girls. It wasn't easy and I had no idea where to start, until we found Mission. It was here that I learned what God's plan for a husband was. It was here that I first experienced what I had heard so many people talk about. A *personal* relationship with Christ. He was no longer a far away God that I couldn't talk to. He was with me every day, and I learned to talk to him constantly. I learned to ask him to teach me and lead me as a dad leads a son. I have learned so much and asked both Jesus and you to forgive me. By God's amazing grace you have both said yes.

My commitment to you today is to remain the man, the leader and the husband that you deserve and that God has called me to be. To never stop asking Jesus to teach me. I want our daughters to look for Godly husbands, and I want them to be able to say "I won't settle for anyone who doesn't treat me the way MY dad treats my mom." I WANT to celebrate at our 50th anniversary. I want to be your mighty man!

You ARE my best friend. Although we could have easily given up, Jesus kept us together and I can tell you today, that I have never been happier in our marriage or in my life. I have submitted my life to Christ so that he could show me how to love you.

It is the greatest honor of my life, that you are standing here with me today. I love you so much! I am so proud to call you my wife!