



hi, we are
**ANDY & L'ERIN
KRAWIEC**

Andy and L'erin Krawiec, married for ten years, with two precious daughters. We met while working for T Bar M Camps here in New Braunfels. During our courtship, Andy was given the opportunity to move to Iquitos, Peru to build T Bar M's first international camp. With a bit of an age gap, we had a long engagement in order for L'erin to finish obtaining her college degree. Our long-distance relationship totaled 14 months. After the wedding, we lived in Peru together for a couple more months, during which time L'erin became sick. God called us back home, faithfully providing new job opportunities for each of us, rich with community, and discipleship.

Four years into our marriage, we decided to start our family. It took longer than expected and a little medical help, before God blessed us with our first daughter. When she turned two, we prayed for her to have a sibling. A long year and a half later, again with a little help from doctors, God gave us another baby girl. We each responded very differently to God's timing in the growth of our family. Andy trusted God's faithfulness, L'erin worried endlessly that His plan wouldn't match hers. But God is good and His plan (as always) has proven better than ours.

As life with littles progressed, we found ourselves very busy, exhausted, and lacking a spiritual oneness in marriage. Our communication wasn't always great, and L'erin struggled with giving grace. Feeling disconnected, L'erin presented the idea of setting aside time to learn and grow together spiritually. God lead us to re|engage.

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Our first lesson broke down 1 Corinthians 13 into practical ways to love each other the way God intended. It's a verse we hear so often, and yet seeing it applied to our daily life was eye opening. Chapter three addressed grace, or “undeserved love.” It was quite convicting to be reminded that our relationship with God was founded in grace, so the foundation of our marriage should also be grace. Three weeks in, we had hit a turning point.

Each lesson in the re|engage study presented questions and biblical principles that provided opportunities for deep conversations that normally would never have transpired. The conversations continued each Sunday, as we met with four other couples, and authentically discussed what God designed marriage to look like. Some of our biggest takeaways were to communicate through issues before they escalated, to believe the best about each other, and to give each other grace more freely. Re|engage spurred us toward loving each other the way Christ loves us: completely, unconditionally, and sacrificially.

We were reminded that God has given us each other for our own completion, as Genesis 2:18 says, “I will make him a helper fit for him.” If we are striving to be “conformed to the image of His son,” (Romans 8:28), then one of the greatest tools God has given us, to make us more Holy, is our spouse.

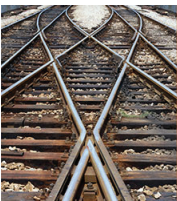
Upon completing re|engage, we have found ourselves more united, and equipped with tools to continue growing. We have pursued deeper intimacy with Christ in our personal walks, aware that our own spiritual wellbeing has a direct impact on the state of our marriage. Our life verse has become John 15:5, “I am the vine;

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you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, will bear much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.” When we are abiding in the Lord, functioning in the Spirit, we extend grace upon grace, we serve each other well, we love each other the way God intended, we forgive freely, and we bear each other’s burdens.

We are thankful God used re|engage to strengthen our relationship. We have seen firsthand how invaluable it is to invest in our marriage. God, in His goodness, met us during this season, and breathed new life into our marriage.

The Krawiecs



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