

## LDS LIVING. LOVE LESSONS. TRANSCRIPT

**Woman 1:** We've been married for 51 years.

**Woman 2:** 54 years.

**Jim:** We're celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary this year. Friday the 13th turned out to be the luckiest day of my life.

**Woman 1:** I think what I love the most about Bruce is he's very kind.

**Jim:** She's a good cook!

**Man 3:** Serene.

**Woman 3:** That, that doesn't...

**Woman 2:** He's a very compassionate person.

**Bruce:** She is truly the person I always wanted to be.

**Jim:** I love it. She is the epitome of serenity.

**Woman 2:** Oh, one surprise to me about marriage, after all these years, has been what a joy it is at this stage.

**Bruce:** I didn't know that it would be that wonderful again, as it was before we had all these little screaming mimis (children).

**Woman:** Well, it's not easy.

**Bruce:** Well, the biggest problem...

**Woman 1:** And if anybody thinks that you're going to be on your honeymoon for 51 years... it's ridiculous!

**Jim:** Sometimes the tunnel's pretty long.

**Woman 2:** Yeah, and dark.

**Man 3:** Well, it has been an enjoyable challenge because I have been introduced into a culture that I was just totally ignorant of.

**Bruce:** It was very hard for her, I know that! What hurt so much?

**Woman 1:** You! I think I had to have been in my 30s or early 40s, and I just thought, "This is it? This isn't... this isn't fun!"

**Woman 2:** It didn't matter to me that Jim wasn't a member of the Church because I loved him very much, and I thought if I only live with him for this time only, then that was what I would be happy with, but a couple of years later, when our children started to come along, I realized that was not true. I wanted to be with my children and him... forever.

**Jim:** Really, the only reason it worked in those early years is we both loved the Lord, and we taught our children to love the Lord.

**Woman 1:** The secret to anything, I think, is holding to the rod. If you hold to the rod and don't give up when things are hard, there's always a way through. President Hinckley always said it: that this will pass, and that things will get better. And things always do get better.

**Woman 2:** So you have to be patient and loving and see where it goes.

**Bruce:** Yeah.

**Woman 1:** You're going to have ups and downs and... but it's worth it.

**Woman 2:** You cannot change someone to fit the mold you want them to be.

**Woman 3:** I just respect his space, and he respects my space. Love him the way he is.

**Man 3:** Be sure to buy two tubes of toothpaste.

**Woman 1:** I will say, you are the love of my life, and I'm so grateful that we have stuck it out this long. I see us together for another gazillion... or Google? Do you say Google now?

**Jim:** She's my babe.

**Bruce:** And I love you. And I love the fact that I'm going to have you by my side forever.

**Woman 2:** I love him so much. Love being with him.

**Woman 1:** How could you not kiss?

**Bruce:** Yeah.

## **VOCABULARY**

by my side (phrase) - being close to someone to support or help them

epitome (noun) - the best example of something

gazillion (noun) - a funny way of saying a very large number

ignorant (adjective) - not knowing something because you haven't learned about it yet

lord (noun) - a title for someone powerful, often used for God or a ruler

mold (noun) - a shape or form used to make something, or a way something is expected to be

rod (noun) - a long, thin stick or pole

serene (adjective) - very calm and peaceful

stage (noun) - a specific time or part of a process

toothpaste (noun) - a soft, creamy stuff used to clean your teeth

tube (noun) - a long, hollow container that holds something, like toothpaste

tunnel (noun) - a passage under the ground or through a mountain