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I've been married for two years, and it's been the best time of my life. Not that it was an easy transition; it's always challenging when two adults, with two different sets of expectations, come together. But there's a freedom that comes with our marriage commitment. We make the effort—and take the time—to work through our differences, and we ask for the grace to love and honor each other every day.

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Marriage is a sacrament, a symbol of God's relationship with his people. By loving our spouse freely and completely, we reflect the love that God gives to us. Thankfully, we aren't expected to be perfect. But remembering that marriage is a sacrament helps inspire and strengthen us to work through the occasional frustrations, and to approach each other with love.

What are some ways that you and your spouse, or close friend, reflect God's love to each other?

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I used to think that faith was a private matter, something just between God and me. But I've learned that community is an essential part of my spiritual growth. When friends share their faith stories, I'm challenged to reach beyond the limits of my own vision. When I worship with others, I'm reminded that I am connected to the wider human family. Community shows me that I'm not alone on my journey.

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It can be messy, being involved in a community. Life seems so much simpler, less complicated, when we go it alone and try to find the way ourselves. But it's only when we welcome others into our faith life that we discover the joy of celebration, the power of encouragement, the comfort of another's prayer. It's in community that we can live as Christ did: always listening, always giving, always loving.

How has being part of a community helped you in your spiritual growth?

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