



### **1.) Childhood Events that shaped each of us:**

**BRITTNY** I had a very blessed and healthy childhood. I am the 3rd of 4 children. I have an older sister, brother and a younger brother, which I felt the need to be their 2nd mother 😊. I have amazing parents that are still married after 40 yrs together. They are both very loving, kind, giving, nurturing and hardworking. Both of my parents were committed and worked hard at giving each of us a Godly foundation. Desire to please the Lord was the driving force of family life. I never doubted how much they loved me.

I loved being in a big family—thus my own desire for a big family. When I was 11 yrs. old, my parents tried to adopt a 5th child. We had her for 4 days when the birthmother changed her mind. I was devastated to come home from school to find my baby sister was gone. I didn't understand all the intricacies of such an event, but the seed to adopt my children when I was married took root that day.

I played soccer for 13 years—from age 9 to 2 yrs. of college. I stayed busy with sports, working and maintaining grades in high school. I graduated from Florida College with my Associates degree, and am currently pursuing a degree in Neo-natal Nursing.

**LEE** I, too, was very blessed with a very happy childhood. My Mom and Dad have always been loving, supportive, and encouraging. My Dad was and is a very meek man, who has tirelessly modeled for me the life of a

servant in his humility and soft-spoken manner. My Mother walked in some intense valleys of suffering early in her life and came out on the other side with an incredible gift of Godly Compassion. Both of them served as vital guides for me, and helped mold me as both a husband and father. We are so blessed to live near them and have them in our children's lives. I have an older brother and younger sister who have also always been encouraging and loving. They and their families also live very close, and are a tremendous blessing to me.

## **2.) How we each came to Jesus.**

**BRITTNY** I was taught the Word and read the Word since I could read. I was water baptized when I was 11 yrs. old. I desired to do the right thing because I knew it would please my parents and the Lord. Then, when I was 25, the Lord opened my eyes to what HIS GRACE really meant and I think I was saved all over again 😊. I now wanted to do what pleased HIM alone because I had a glimpse of what it cost Him. I received the baptism of the Holy Spirit when I was 30 yrs old and was, again, forever changed.

**LEE** From a very early age I came to know the Lord and desired to be an instrument in His Kingdom. I was water baptized at 8 years old and was preaching in rural congregations in central Kentucky at age 12. My intense desire to teach and minister to others led me to attend and graduate from Bible College and I started in the full-time ministry at age 18. Although I learned many things "about" God and the Scriptures, it wasn't until I was broken by a very painful divorce that I began to truly understand who I was, who Jesus was and is, and how desperately I needed Him and the mercy He bought for me. Shortly after walking this dark valley, the Lord redeemed all I had lost or feared losing. The fresh wind of His Spirit blew new life into my broken spirit that I had never known before, and, in the "arms of an angel" (Brittney), I was given a new life and my feet were set on solid ground. As Job said, "I know that my Redeemer lives!"

## **3.) How we met, dated and married.**

Lee and I met through his sister, Amanda. She and I went to college together. When we moved back to Georgia around the same time, I would

spend time with her and her nieces', Liz and Ally (Lee's daughters). We had a great time together and little did I know what kind of relationship I was building with them. Then, I met their dad and knew right away that I had met that man I wanted to marry. We became a family 6 months later and celebrated our 10-year anniversary in 2009.

#### **4.) About our family**

Words cannot express the gifts we have been given in all three of our children. Liz is 19 and works full time for AT&T, and is pursuing a degree in Sonography. Allison is 17 and works part time at Chik-fil-a and goes to school full time at KSU and Cornerstone Preparatory Academy. She is preparing to be a pediatrician in the mission fields. Aslan is 5 and getting used to kindergarten and loving his teacher. Each of them loves the Lord and is a huge encouragement and blessing to us. We are so grateful to God for the Example, Joy, and Life they all each bring us in their own beautiful and unique way.

#### **5.) About our church family at Liberty Church.**

We feel incredibly honored and blessed to be a part of the Saturday 7th Heaven Family. The growth and intimacy we have experienced in worship, intercession, and small group fellowship have been some of the most lavish gifts we have ever been given by our Lord. Our prayer is for everyone to know that "going to church" and becoming part of Christ's spiritual family is truly a GIFT that God was very intentional about in His design for us---not just a "religious" obligation. Our Liberty Church family has been vital to our relationship with Christ. We have grown so much since allowing the Holy Spirit to open our eyes and heart. We have served as small group leaders, and elders, and are now honored to serve as assistant co-pastors of the Saturday 7 Congregation and as the pastors for *Compass* – Liberty's Singles Ministry. We believe we are where God has called us to be and are grateful to serve Him and His people in this way.