

I'd never even heard of nuclear medicine before I met Ro, and even after reading a little about it, I still don't understand it. But I think it's really important, and I'm glad Ro is doing something about it. Alyssa comes from Miami, one of the most colorful cities in the US, studied in Savannah, one of the most beautiful cities in the US, and now lives in Kansas City, the best city in the US. She has specialized in the world of art, even designing greeting cards for businesses. When you look at these two people, one steeped in science and the other brimming with art, you wonder, "How on earth did they meet?"—and you know. They wouldn't have met unless Alyssa, one day, perhaps on a whim, decided, "Umm. Swipe right."

God works in mysterious ways, and the key part of that aphorism is not really the word "mysterious" but "God works." God is at work. For believers it's one thing to look at the world around us, and go, "Well, obv, somebody had to put all of this here." It's something else to say, "Oh, that Somebody still cares about what's here. That Creator is at work."

In Mark's gospel, Jesus says, "From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." The disciples were to accept the premise that God made what you see, and then Jesus zeroes in on one aspect: He made human beings male and female. Jesus says, "a man... shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." Jesus doesn't go further with this, but becoming one flesh can produce a specific result: a child. If ever a person who flirts with unbelief has a religious conversion, it may be when their child is born. I mean, they know the process of producing a child, but when the child actually arrives, it's like, "How did this happen?" And they rejoice that God has placed a new human being, a product of the love of male and female, into their very home. Couples who feel that they couldn't possibly love someone else more than they love their partner discover something amazing when they produce a child. They have enough love for one more. Not just enough love—they have a gushing oil well of love they didn't know was buried underground.

Well, that child grows up and falls in love. Jesus says, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother." The woman leaves her father and mother too. It's bittersweet because parents love their kids, but their greatest desire is to present their kids to the world, and that means letting go.

Ro and Alyssa, here you are: two improbably engaged people rejoicing that this union was meant to be. You can see the hand of God leading you from your homes in Florida and Kansas to a cathedral in Missouri. You have known the contrast of urban and rural, science and art, male and female, separation and unity. Through these contrasts, the hand of God—the love of God becomes clear.

You are happy today, but we are all happy that you found each other, that you confirmed your faith in God, and that you said yes. And we look forward to the future. The God who led you this far will continue to guide your steps. You will experience new ways of loving, new ways of serving, new ways of rejoicing, as long as, when God invites you into a relationship with him, you decide, "Swipe right."