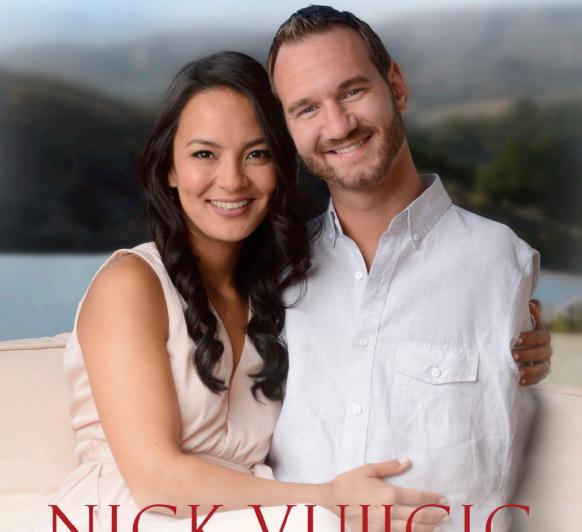
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### SPARKS TO FLAMES

After the initial struggle of just trying to clear the deck of confusion and entanglements, and even though there was often a great distance between us, Kanae and I had a wonderful courtship.

The courting or dating period should be the time when you learn more about each other. We are all made up of many layers based on our experiences. As someone with such evident physical disabilities, I obviously have insecurities that go beyond any trouble I have with the English language. In hours of conversation, I came to understand that Kanae had her own insecurities that sprang

from being the "China girl" in her Mexican community, about her parents' divorce, and having few resources growing up.

Insecurities can make it difficult to bond into a loving relationship, or they can become sources for bonding. How does that work? Kanae and I shared certain insecurities, and so we understood each other on a deeper level. A relationship suffers when one person's actions and words trigger insecurities and heighten anxiety and stress. If, instead, you understand and ease your partner's insecurities and fears, your relationship will grow stronger.

I quickly realized that Kanae was so tuned into the feelings of those around her. Her empathy levels were off the charts. I have had many years of practice in putting others at ease about my lack of limbs. I make jokes and demonstrate how I can do most things for myself, but I still have my insecurities. She instinctively understood the things that I was sensitive about.

It was even more amazing to me how she stepped into our relationship and adapted to my physical disabilities with such grace and ease. She acted as if it was the most natural thing for her boyfriend to be in a wheelchair and unable to do things that others take for granted. People think I'm joking when I say that Kanae scratches my back before I know there is an itch, but it's true!

The more I got to know her and her background, the better I understood Kanae and who she is. Many of her qualities are a result of taking on adult responsibilities at a very young age because of her parents' divorce and then her father's illness. She became the rock of strength for her younger brother Kenzi. She is a super nurturer.

While I was insecure about my lack of limbs and whether she could love me as I am, Kanae would eventually tell me that she was more focused on her own feelings of insecurity. She was more worried about the fact that I had been traveling the world as a speaker and evangelist while she was still in school and trying to figure out exactly what she wanted to do with her life. Because I'd

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seen so much more of the world already, she wondered if it might be hard for her to catch up.

Kanae summed it up in this way: "You are a speaker and preacher who has traveled the world, and I haven't even started my career yet." I told her that I looked forward to having her travel with me and sharing my life and ministry experiences. I wanted her to be with me as much as possible. I felt God would direct our paths and that someday she could resume her efforts to become a nurse.



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