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STEP TWELVE | AFTER THE WEDDING BELLS

We had originally reserved this section for the After the Wedding To Do List. You know, preserve your flowers, gather the items you want to scrapbook, send out your thank you cards and let's not forget the vendor reviews. But as we got to writing we realized that these are things you already know and have likely already given thought to. We wanted to close off this narrative with something thought provoking so instead of another To Do List or How To we've taken this opportunity to share a little something from our own personal wedding experience.

We call it 'The Good, The Bad and the Ugly' and we wanted to share it with you in hopes that you find it helpful but also that it gives you a little chuckle because here's the thing - something may go wrong on your wedding day and it is best to have a sense of humor about it. Despite your perfect plans and best of intentions we cannot control everything. If you find yourself in one of those moments just remember that at the end of that aisle awaits your soulmate, your rock, your best friend, lover and partner in crime. Not only that, you are surrounded by friends and family who love you both dearly. Yes this is an important day, but more importantly it symbolizes the first day of your married life together and no matter what happens with the cake, the weather or great Aunt Karon, never lose sight of how lucky you are to have found that person. Focus on that, and your day will be perfect.



THE GOOD / A + C

That shot of tequila with Papa Steve. See tequila has always been the celebratory poison of choice in our house and I wanted to carve out a moment of the day that was just with my Dad, sans audience. I had been hidden away with my maids all day so this was his First Look moment with me and I will never forget the way he looked at me. So much love, so much joy and I am so happy we made time for that moment. The second is slow dancing with Chris to Give it All you got tonight. Our guests had all left the restaurant to prepare for our grand exit and it was just my husband and I alone, swaying to our song. Still tear up.

THE BAD / A + C

I can't remember visiting with any of our guests outside the wedding party - and no it was not the tequila. The day was so busy and the reception really did fly by in an instant. I am also quite introverted and underestimated how emotionally overwhelming the day would be and as the night went on I kind of faded away, actually at one point I even had to disappear for a quick breather. We had family and friends join us from all over the world and I still feel guilty that I did not get to connect with them as much as I would have liked to. If I had a do-over I would have scheduled time at the reception for us to make our rounds and thank every table for being there. We also would have organized a picnic on the following day. Something nice and casual, where we could visit with guests and maybe even invite those we could not host for dinner. This is a tradition in New Zealand and I think it is a brilliant way to close off the celebration, not to mention you can put out all the wedding cake and guest favors leftover from the night prior.

AND THE UGLY / K + M

I missed our first dance because I was in the ladies. I had planned our wedding myself and to ensure it ran smoothly I made a very detailed timeline for our MC. I admittedly was a bit Bridezilla and he was so scared to 'disobey' my wishes that he cued our first dance exactly on time even though I was not in the room. I will never forget the look on my husbands face, standing there alone on the dance floor while our song played out or the sheer panic while everyone frantically searched for the missing bride. So embarrassing, not to mention we didn't really have a first dance. Lesson here is that you need to go with the flow and let the night unfold organically. Events always have their own rhythm and it is better to 'go with it' then try to force it. Despite this little hiccup, my family and friends really did move mountains to make the day memorable for us, another reminder of how lucky we are to have these amazing humans in our life.



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My heart is, and will always be, yours. - JANE AUSTEN

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