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Dear Sonny and Julie,

Congratulations on your 50 years of marriage and ministry!

The Bible says, *"Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love."* (1 CO 13:13 NLT)

For a marriage to last, as yours has, it must be built on faith, hope, and love. You need faith in each other and of course faith in God.

You need hope because life isn't always easy. I'm sure every day of the past 50 years hasn't always been easy for you, but you held on praying expectantly and believing in each other.

Most importantly you need unconditional love. It means putting the other person first. It means giving the other person what they need and not what they deserve.

It's obvious God has used you both in a great way to fulfill His purposes for the Kingdom through Victory Outreach International. Thanks for modeling what matters most--transforming our world by changing lives through the love of Christ. I know there are many people who will spend eternity in heaven because you were faithful to reach out to the lost.

Your 50 years of live and ministry together is testimony that your marriage truly has been built on faith, hope, and above all, love – your love for one another and for God.

I'm so proud of you! Congratulations as you celebrate this milestone anniversary of marriage and ministry.

Your friend,

Rick Warren