**It started with a message on Facebook and proceeded to almost eight weeks and nearly 200 pages of messages back and forth before we met in person. We were serious about getting to know each other and knew that the more we knew at the beginning the fewer surprises we’d have later. We asked a lot of questions and were very open and honest in our communication.**

**Our messages always included a new question at the end. We would reply to the question and send that question back to be answered by the other one. Oftentimes a reply would be a full paragraph and begin a discussion that went back and forth, leading to more questions and more discussion.**

**We compiled a list of questions we asked one another in response to the interest of some of our friends. This is not a list that guarantees a relationship will work out but may help guide you as you get to know each other. Be as honest as you can be with your answers and most of all, as with any decision you make, seek God’s will.**

**Feel free to pass it along to anyone who may be interested in it.**

**Chris and Bethany Murphy**

**Spiritual Questions:**

What is your salvation testimony and when is your spiritual birthday?

What church do you attend and how long have you been there?

Does your church have multiple service times on Sunday? Are they the same or is one traditional and one contemporary?

What is your pastor like and what made you believe that he is a good church leader?

What does your church do on Wednesday nights and are you active in any of those activities?

Do you go to a Sunday School class or does your church have any type of small group?

What is your Sunday school or small group studying right now?

Have you ever led a small group?

Are you active in any particular church ministries?

Have you ever gone on any mission trips (domestic or international)?

Do you have a Bible version preference? What version do you use for personal study and what does your church use?

What is your favorite Bible verse?

Do you have a verse or two that you are focusing on right now?

Do you have a daily quiet time and what do you do during your time alone with God?

How can I pray for you?

Have you ever kept a prayer journal?

**Travel:**

Where is the most interesting place you have been and why?

What is your favorite state that you’ve visited? Why?

Do you enjoy traveling in general?

Do you like long car trips?

Do you enjoy flying or do you just do it out of convenience?

Have you ever stayed at an AirBnB?

If you were going to travel overseas, where would you go?

Is there a language or culture that specifically interests you?

Would you rather take a vacation in the mountains or at the beach?

If you could go anywhere in the US where would you go? Are there any certain parks, sites, museums, and/or monuments that you'd like to see?

Would you rather go camping on vacation and do more local attractions, or stay in a hotel and have to find activities to do?

**Holidays:**

Do you have a favorite season or holiday?

Do you spend the holidays with friends and/or family?

Do you have any fun holiday traditions?

How many days do you get off from work for the holidays?

Do you have a typical Thanksgiving meal (i.e. Turkey and Dressing)?

Do you exchange gifts with family for Christmas? Do you have stockings on the fireplace?

Did you take a family picture at Christmas?

When do you decorate for Christmas? After Christmas, do you put decorations away immediately or wait until later?

Do you have a color/theme for your Christmas decor?

Do you host/attend any Christmas parties?

Do you usually do anything big for New Year’s? Do you stay up until midnight or go to bed early?

Do you make New Year’s resolutions?

**Family:**

How many members are in your immediate family and how big is your extended family?

Where are your family members located?

Do you know your grandparents well? Are they still living? What do you call your grandparents?

How many siblings do you have and how old are they?

Are any of your siblings married?

Do any of your siblings have children?

Where do you fall in the sibling line?

Do you have a close relationship with your parents and siblings?

How often do you visit parents and siblings?

Are you close with any of your extended family?

How long have your parents been married?

**Personal History:**

Where were you born? Did you live there most of your childhood or did you move around a lot?

Do you have a family name or were you named after someone in particular?

What was something you always wanted to do when you were a child and did you ever do it?

Did you have any nicknames growing up?

Were you homeschooled at all? Did you go to a public school or private school?

How did you all celebrate birthdays growing up? What do you do now for your birthday?

Who was stricter in the discipline area when you were growing up (Dad or Mom)?

Did your mom work outside the home while you all were growing up?

Did your parent(s) travel a lot for business? If so, were they gone for long periods of time?

Did you grow up with snow?

Have you met anyone famous?

What do you feel is the most courageous thing you’ve done in your life so far?

Where did you go to college? If so, what is your degree in? Do you plan to go back to school for more degrees?

**Hobbies:**

What are your hobbies?

What do you do for fun?

Do you journal at all?

Do you like to read and what are you currently reading (other than the Bible)?

Have you ever gone ice skating before?

What kind of movies to you like?

Do you have a favorite movie?

If you had to live a week without internet, what would you do?

Do you enjoy theme parks?

Do you enjoy cooking/baking? Do you have any specialties?

Do you measure ingredients and follow recipes exactly? Do you ever make up recipes?

Do you have a favorite game? What type of games do you enjoy the most (word games, card games, board games, video games, strategy games)?

Are you a sports fan? Do you have a favorite sport? Do you play any sports?

Have you been white water rafting?

**Personal Assessment:**

Have you ever taken a personality test? If so, what kind of personality are you?

Are you spontaneous?

Do people around you consider you to be optimistic or pessimistic?

Do you have claustrophobia or do you have any issues with feeling trapped?

How do you apologize? Are you quick to apologize? Is ‘I’m sorry’ enough or do you give/expect more of an ‘I’m sorry for \_\_\_\_\_. Will you please forgive me?’

How do you get when you’re over tired? More funny or grumpy?

How do you handle yourself when you are angry or upset?

What typically makes you cry?

What is something that will always make you smile?

Do you have any pet peeves? If so, what are they?

What is your work ethic like?

Are you left or right-handed?

Are you a morning person or night owl?

How tall are you?

How would you describe your friendships? Would you rather have a lot of friends or a select few?

Would you classify yourself as a saver or spender? Have you read “The Seven Money Types: Discover How God Wired You to Handle Money”?

Do you have a budget and follow it? Do you have a lot of debt?

Who do you consider to be the biggest influence in your life and why?

Are you super competitive when you play games? Is there a game you always win and/or lose?

How do you typically dress? Would you rather be overdressed or underdressed?

Do you have a regular go-to style? Meaning, do you have certain clothes you like to wear?

Do you eat out much?

What kind of restaurant do you enjoy the most (Italian, Mexican, Chinese, etc.)? What is your favorite restaurant?

Are you a bacon lover?

Do you have a favorite food?

What’s your go-to food when you’re in a hurry?

Do you tend to regularly repeat meals?

Do you have a favorite dessert?

Do you have a favorite cookie?

What do you usually eat for breakfast? Do you eat at home or on the way to work?

What time do you normally eat dinner?

What are your thoughts on tattoos and piercings? Do you have any?

What are your thoughts on alcohol? Meaning, do you think it is okay to drink alcohol every once in a while, or do you disagree with the consumption of alcohol in general?

What are your thoughts on smoking, and do you smoke?

What are your thoughts on hair length for men and women? What about facial hair for men?

Have you ever used a noise machine at all? Do you prefer to sleep with complete silence?

Ever have the little red bubble with notifications on your phone? Do you ignore it or do you open it and get rid of the red bubble?

Are you typically quick to respond to texts, e-mails, etc.?

**Miscellaneous:**

Do you enjoy music? Do you play any instruments or sing?

Do you listen to Podcasts? Music stations? Which ones and where do you typically listen to them?

Do you have a favorite musical and is there one you really want to watch?

Have you been to any musical concerts? If so, who did you go see and is it something you like to do?

Are you hot-natured or cold-natured? Would you rather be hot or cold?

What is your favorite color and why?

Do you know Sign Language?

Do you have a favorite store to buy clothes at? Do you do a lot of online shopping?

Do you regularly vote in elections?

Do you prefer a certain type of phone (i.e. Apple/Android)?

What is your most prized possession? (Not a person.)

What kind of vehicle do you drive? What’s your dream car?

Do you get much snow/ice where you live?

Are you a coffee, tea, alcohol, or soda drinker?

Do you have a favorite Olympic sport?

Do you own your house, or do you rent a house or apartment?

What was it that made your decision on buying your house? Was it the location, size, or was there something about it that you liked more than other houses?

Do you have an ideal house that you would like to live in one day?

Do you have any pets? Do you consider yourself to be a pet parent?

When do you regularly grocery shop, clean your house, and/or do laundry?

What’s your favorite and most dreaded household duty?

What do you do on a typical Sunday afternoon?

Would you rather swim in a pool or the ocean?

What took you to your current location and how did you decide to settle there?

Do you have a mentor or accountability partner?

Have you ever been pulled over?

Do you like to people watch?

If you got to choose to live in any type of setting (i.e. the beach, mountains, big city, small city, etc.), where would you want to live?

Do you have a favorite cologne or scents? Do you burn candles?

What makes you lose sleep at night?

Do you set one alarm or several? Do you ever hit snooze?

Do you have something fun or crazy on your bucket list?

Have you cut the cable cord? Have you ever used Sling TV, Netflix, or Hulu?

What are your go-to shows? Do you binge watch any particular shows?

**Occupation:**
Is your job a typical 8-5/M-F job?

How long have you been at your job?

How far do you live from the office?

What's your dress code at work?

Do you take lunch to work or do you go out? Do you have a specific time for your lunch break?

Have you had any other jobs in your past?

Do you work a lot of overtime?

Do you take work home often?

Do you travel a lot for work?

When you travel on business do you drive or fly?

How often do you have to travel overnight?

Do you love your job and is this something you see yourself doing the rest of your life? Is it something you can continue to move up in and/or retire from?

What would you consider to be a good enough deal for you to leave where you are job-wise?

Is there any other profession that you would like to have?

**Health/Medical:**

Do you regularly see a doctor and dentist?

Do you go to a chiropractor?

Have you ever received stitches, broken any bones, or had any serious injuries?

Do you have any long-term medical conditions?

Have you ever had any surgeries?

Do you have any food allergies? Do you have any other allergies?

Do you exercise regularly? If so, what do you do to exercise?

**Relationships:**

Have you ever tried online dating?

Is there anything that I should know about now or sooner rather than later?

Are there any deal breakers? What would make it not work out between us?

What’s something I should know about you when we meet?

What are your expectations for our relationship?