

# THE KOUNTZ'S STORY

Our story began in a small group at church. Zach was a recently divorced 23-year-old, and Carrie was rediscovering God (having been raised Catholic). Our relationship and our faith grew together, and in 2016 we tied the knot. We attended a few different churches over the years. Although we found amazing people, we wanted to find a church that shared our values. We believe that every person is infinitely valuable to God. That a person's worth isn't found in their actions but in who God says they are. And that the church should welcome (not just tolerate) all people.



We saw social media ads for Ethos, and then a friend recommended that we check it out. We could tell right away that the atmosphere was different. Many churches preach love and acceptance but exclude those who don't behave or believe the way they do. We quickly saw that Ethos is a place where anyone can belong - a place where the church truly loves all people in Jesus' name.

We are foster parents to three siblings and have a baby on the way. One of our main goals as parents is to teach our children that mistakes don't define them, and there is a place where they will always be accepted. Our children love spending time in Ethos Kids, and it has been so fun to watch them get excited to learn about Jesus.

Ethos has given us an extended family where we are loved and supported unconditionally. Learning and loving at Ethos has reignited our passion and strengthened our relationship with Christ.

## YOUR STORY MATTERS