



Ma'Hajj and April Abdul-BaaQee are a Memphis-based couple who attend Masjid Al-Mu'minun and are the founders of ****Reboot.Reconnect.Refocus****, a 501c3 non-profit organization that, under the tenets of Islam, focuses on strengthening families by reinforcing the bonds of marriage. In May 2025, the couple will celebrate 28 years of matrimony, a union they have built on the foundation of principles prescribed in the Holy Qur'an.

"Our Lord! Bless us with pious spouses and offspring who will be the joy of our hearts, and make us models for the righteous." (Qur'an 25:74)

Ma'Hajj first noticed April in a grocery store but hesitated to approach, feeling underdressed. Resolving to act if their paths crossed again, he seized the opportunity days later at their workplace, FedEx. After visiting regularly, he introduced himself, expressed his intention to pursue marriage, not casual dating. April invited him to meet her family, and six months later, they were married.

"Your spouses are a garment for you as you are for them." (Qur'an 2:187)

Together, Mr. and Mrs. Abdul-BaaQee exemplify a strong Muslim partnership, serving as role models for their four children and their community. April emphasizes the spiritual foundation of their marriage: *"Marriage is to please Allah, and I love him [Ma'Hajj]."* Both having experienced the challenges of previous marriages, they approached their union intentionally, centering Allah, Al-Haadi-The Guide (Subhanahu wa ta'ala), in their relationship. This faith-based approach profoundly shaped how they interact, as Ma'Hajj explains: *"Even if you argue, you cannot let yourself engage in or continue an intense argument and then perform a sincere salat. There must always be compassion and understanding."*

"And one of His signs is that He created for you spouses from among yourselves so that you may find comfort in them. And He has placed between you compassion and mercy. Surely in this are signs for people who reflect." (Qur'an 30:21)

To sustain their union, the couple focuses on cultivating patience, empathy, and humility. They have adopted a principle to, *"celebrate all the wins out loud and strategize to navigate the challenges quietly."* Their commitment to this philosophy inspired the creation of ****Reboot.Reconnect.Refocus**** and its signature event, the ****Annual International Muslim Marriage Retreat****, now entering its 6th edition from October 24-26, 2025.

The Retreat provides couples with a transformative experience:

- ****Reboot****, like refreshing a computer after a crash, helps partners reset.
- ****Reconnect**** fosters emotional intimacy and meaningful communication.
- ****Refocus**** realigns priorities and renews the marriage's perspective.

As Ma'Hajj and April continue their journey together, they remain steadfast in their mission to empower couples to build resilient, spiritually centered unions. Their story stands as a testament to the beauty and strength of a marriage rooted in faith, compassion, and purpose.