

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Today, I stand before you as the best man, Geethan, *honored* to share a heartfelt toast to the wonderful couple, Madhan and Corinne.

“Madhan has always been the kind of person who brings light and laughter to every room he enters. He has a heart of gold, a contagious smile, and an incredible ability to make everyone feel special and loved.” Hold on, that's the chatGPT version of the best man toast! (pause for laughs)

I am elated to share with all of you a glimpse of our journey as brothers. From the very beginning, he displayed a remarkable sense of responsibility and excitement, eagerly awaiting the arrival of his younger sibling (me). It's too late for him to regret my arrival. Throughout our childhood, Madhan's sincerity and studious nature shone brightly. Our mom always praised him for his diligence, while I couldn't help but feel a touch of envy.

During our formative years, Madhan's guidance continued to shape my path. His dedication to my education, from middle school through high school, was invaluable. He would make me sit down and study, helping me understand the subjects thoroughly. Without him, I wouldn't have successfully graduated from 10th grade. I can confidently say that without his support, I wouldn't have accomplished what I have today. Madhan's humility and simplicity are admirable traits that inspired me as a teenager. He remained grounded and never let his achievements get to his head.

As we entered different phases of our lives, Madhan's influence remained constant. Despite being physically apart during my undergraduate years, his virtual presence through Skype and FaceTime bridged the distance. He became my pillar of support, helping me navigate the challenges of higher education. It was through him that I discovered Boise State University, and all of this was made possible because of his relationship with Corinne. His guidance extended to my graduate school journey, providing not just academic but also financial stability, ensuring I could pursue my goals without worry.

Today, he continues to teach me important life lessons, including some valuable dating tips too. He remains an inspiration to me, and I feel incredibly fortunate

to have him as my brother. I am deeply grateful for everything he has done for me.

And now, let's turn our attention to the lovely bride, Corinne. From the moment I met her, I knew she was something special. Her warmth, genuine curiosity, and infectious laughter immediately won me over. I remember our first video call, where my broken English led to some amusing moments. Corinne's genuine interest in getting to know me and her ability to listen made me realize that she was the perfect match for Madhan.

On my first December holiday in the US, Corinne and I bonded over my all-time favorite movie, '**Baasha**,' featuring my favorite actor, Rajinikanth. Well, technically, she laughed at some of the scenes! It's okay, Corinne, I forgive you since you were on allergy medication. I can't wait to rewatch the movie with you, and I bet you'll love it!

As I reflect on the journey, there's one particular moment that stands out—an experience that profoundly influenced my life and imparted valuable lessons that I've since implemented. Madhan and I would prepare dosa with three different types of chutney, including both spicy and non-spicy versions, making a total of six chutneys. However, Corinne always insisted on having some greens with it. She would prepare a salad to accompany the dosa. Thanks to her influence, I've started incorporating more greens into my diet. I'm also grateful to her family, who are incredibly kind, sweet, and welcoming. I've had a fantastic time with them over the years, especially at the C & M wedding part 1 in India.

Together, Madhan and Corinne share a beautiful bond, built on love, support, and shared laughter. They have taught me the importance of cherishing family, embracing new experiences, and finding joy in the simplest moments. They complement each other perfectly, just like the dosa and salad they prepare together – each bringing their unique flavor to create a harmonious blend.

As I raise my glass, let us toast to Madhan and Corinne. To Madhan, thank you for being an inspiring brother, mentor, and friend. To Corinne, thank you for bringing laughter, love, and a touch of green into our lives. Cheers to a lifetime of love and togetherness!