

THE COVENANT OF THE RING 6.3.2018

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Forever Home Adoption – Supported Local Ministry

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Do you remember taking your vows on your wedding day? Share your wedding day story.

Share 3 things you really appreciate about your marriage and 3 areas that could use some attention

What was your first fight as a married couple over?

Singles: Why is it so important to marry a believer in Jesus

Read Deuteronomy 7:3–4

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-16

[digging deeper]

Read Malachi 2:10-16

What similarities do you see in our culture today?

Read Genesis 3:16-19

The curse brought distortion to the roles of husband and wife, not new roles.

How was the woman's role distorted?

How was the man's role distorted?

Read Ephesians 5:21-33

What is the proper role of the wife?

What is the proper role of the husband?

Read Ephesians 6:10-20

It can often feel like we are in a boxing ring with our spouse, but who are we really at war with?

What are the repercussions of divorce on the family?

[living it out]

Recommit Your Marriage Vows

Marriage is a special and unique relationship, appointed by God. It is commended in the Bible as honorable in all, and set apart as sacred, signifying the wonderful spiritual union between Christ and His church. It is therefore not to be entered upon lightly or carelessly, but thoughtfully, with reverence for God, with due consideration of the purposes for which it was established by God. This is a special and unique relationship, a holy union in which you have come to be joined. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." -- Genesis 2:18-24 (ESV)

I call upon / these persons here present / to witness that I / do take you, _____ / to be my lawfully wedded wife/husband, / to have and to hold / from this day forward / for better, for worse, / for richer, for poorer, / in sickness and in health / to love and to cherish / according to God's holy ordinance / and thereto I pledge my faithfulness / as long as we both shall live.

Take the "How We Love" Assessment at <https://howwelove.com/>

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That God's presence through prayer helps our marriages survive and thrive

May we better understand that God's love for us is passionate so our love for our spouse can be passionate as well.

Help us persevere and be faithful to the covenant of marriage