

THE VOW OF PARTNERSHIP

THE VOWS

VOW #1: I PROMISE THAT GOD WILL BE MY _____ PRIORITY AND MY SPOUSE WILL BE MY _____.

VOW #2: I PROMISE I WILL ALWAYS _____ MY TWO.

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VOW #3: I PROMISE OUR MARRIAGE WILL BE ABOUT “_____” AND NOT “_____”.

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.” Genesis 2:24

‘echad (ekh-awd’);

“...A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:12

MARRIAGE IS A _____ NOT A _____

“...because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant.” Malachi 2:14

- A contract is based on mutual _____.
- A covenant is based on mutual _____.

covenant: *beriyth* (ber-eeth’); cutting, a _____

COVENANT PARTNERSHIP INCLUDES

GODLY _____ AND MUTUAL _____.

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.” Ephesians 5:21-24

“Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall.” Luke 11:17-18

“Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt His name together.” Psalm 34:3

Your Assignments:

- 1) Discuss your differences. How do your differences cause you to *compete* (or to fight)? How can God use your differences to *complete* you two as one? Discuss and pray for each other.
- 2) What are four to seven values that should drive your marriage? What do you stand for as a couple? Where are you headed? Prayerfully discuss your vision and values.

Discussion Questions:

- 1) If you are married, describe some of the ways you are opposite of your spouse. If you're not married, what are some opposite qualities you enjoy in other people?
- 2) Are you more naturally dominant or passive? If you're more dominant by nature, how can you grow more submissive to God and those around you? If you're more passive, what areas of life should you grow in assertiveness?
- 3) Successful families have a vision (driven by core values). What are four to seven values that drive you (or should drive you)? Think of things like generosity, compassion, integrity, etc.