

Matthew 19:3-6 NIV

Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked,

“Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?”

“Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Marriage is a covenant, not a contract!

A contract is based on mutual distrust

A covenant is based on mutual commitment

3 Mutual Commitments:

Commit to mutual submission

Ephesians 5:21 NIV

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Philippians 2:5-7,9 NIV

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness...

...Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name

Commit to mutual devotion

Romans 12:9-10 NIV

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

1 Peter 4:8 NLT

Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

Commit to mutual differences

Ephesians 5:31-33 NLT

As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.” This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Men and women are co-equal in value, essence, and dignity!

Men and women were created to fulfill different but complimentary roles!

Vow of Partnership:

I vow our marriage will be about we, not me!