“He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations.”

Psalm 105:8

“Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Matthew 28:20

What is the Calling?

1. Christ keeps His covenant with the Church.
2. Represents Christ and His bride to the World.
3. Our testimony to the World:
   - Thru Easy and Hard Times
4. Preferred relationship above all others
5. Marriage in Heaven:
   - A shadow of the marriage to come.
   - A part of the same marriage to the Lamb.

Is It Special?

“Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.”

Ephesians 5:33

“…being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.”

1 Peter 3:7

1. A sincere, peculiar, and prevailing affection.
2. Love and esteem – a care for each other.
3. There should be much caution in how we handle this relationship.
4. Is it worth our attention?

Does It Impact the Church?

“…and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

Ecc. 4:12

1. As a couple we encourage one another to engage.
2. We need to encourage soldiers to engage in the battle.
   - Wounded soldiers need a medic.
   - We all need encouragement at times.
3. We need to realize the power of the church in marriage:
   - Intergenerational relationships speak experience to others.
   - Marriage connections across and throughout the body.
**A Lifelong Commitment?**

“...What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

Mark 10:9

1. Why is it important that marriage is a lifelong commitment?

2. Be careful to not take marriage cues from society:
   - Individualization
   - Compatibility focus of society vs. sacrifice focus of the Bible

3. Negativity can wear each other down:
   - Temptation is strong.
   - Resist these lies
   - Encourage each other toward health.

4. Do not need to stay in dryness - richness is available.

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**What’s the Model?**

“Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

Eph 4:3

1. Centering on the Gospel – Reflecting the love Christ has for us.

2. Purposing to Work Together – Realizing marriage takes work – which will look a bit different through the various seasons of life.

3. Deepening Bonds (spiritually, emotionally and physically) – Growing in our understanding and appreciation for the uniqueness of each other.


5. Connecting with others – Investing in our own relationship will allow us to share support and encouragement with others.

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**Enjoy Your Day**

Thank you for Listening