

## The Vow

### *The Vow of Partnership*

## TALK IT OVER

### Key Scripture

“... *‘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.*” Matthew 19:5-6 NIV

### Key Points

- I promise our marriage will be about “we” and not “me.”

*That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.* Genesis 2:24 NIV

- A contract is based on mutual distrust. A covenant is based on mutual commitment.
- A covenant partnership is summarized with godly leadership and mutual submission.

*Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is 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. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ...* Ephesians 5:21-25 NIV

Whoever finds God, finds life.

Visit [finds.life.church](http://finds.life.church) for more on partnership in a godly marriage.

Take some time to sit down with your spouse, fiancée or that person you are dating for this. Be intentional.

Start talking.

Try and figure out how are you opposites, and how are you similar?

- Use Amy Groeschel’s Partnership Q&A to spark discussion: [www.go2lc/vowqa](http://www.go2lc/vowqa)

Start thinking.

- Read Matthew 19:5-6. Why do you think God makes marriage such a big deal? What purposes does it serve?
- Pastor Craig said, “Marriage is a covenant, not a contract.” How would you describe the differences between the two?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- Have you seen the concept of submission abused? How have you seen it work in a God-honoring way?
- Pastor Craig said, “Marriage isn’t dividing everything in half. It’s giving everything you’ve got.” Which are you more prone to do in relationships? How?
- Read Ephesians 5:21-25. How could this affect the way a husband and wife relate? Talk about some specific examples of arguments, decisions, responsibilities, etc.

Start praying. Be bold, and pray with power.

Heavenly Father, help us to always pursue godly relationships about “we” and not “me.” Holy Spirit, give us the strength to love the way You love us. Jesus, You sacrificed Your life for us. Teach us to lay down ourselves as godly partners. Amen!

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Write down three ways you could be more of a servant in your most important relationships.
- Learn to pursue a godly marriage with *The Vow Bible Plan*: [www.go2lc/vow](http://www.go2lc/vow)