

THE ONE—3 THE PROMISE OF PARTNERSHIP

VOW #1: I PROMISE GOD WILL BE MY FIRST PRIORITY AND MY SPOUSE WILL BE MY SECOND.

VOW #2: I PROMISE TO ALWAYS PURSUE MY TWO.

VOW #3: 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

united: ‘*echad* (ekh-awd’): completely joined as one.

... “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh”? ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Matthew 19:5-6

MARRIAGE IS A COVENANT, NOT A CONTRACT

- **A contract is based on mutual distrust.**
- **A covenant is based on mutual commitment.**

covenant: *beriyth* (ber-eeth’): cutting, a binding agreement, a blood covenant.

COVENANT PARTNERSHIP IS SUMMARIZED WITH GODLY LEADERSHIP AND MUTUAL SUBMISSION.

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:21

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ 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. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to

Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Ephesians 5:22-24

Talk It Over

What do you think a godly marriage looks like? Share any examples you've seen lived out.

Read Ephesians 5:21. What do you think it means to mutually submit to each other in marriage? How could this play out practically?

True or False: A marriage will be as good as both husband and wife decide it will be. What decisions do you need to make today that will improve your current or future marriage?