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Is your marriage a covenant or a contract? Do you know the difference?

In this day and age we are very familiar with contracts. Contracts are often written with loopholes to provide an escape from the terms. What about a covenant agreement that today still means strong commitment and loyalty even unto death. Covenant partners agree to place the needs of the other partner ahead of their own.

Remember, marriage is recognised as a covenant relationship and also contains certain promises and terms. On our wedding day we promised several things, such as to love, honour, cherish and obey.

Problems often arise in the marriage when couples don't understand their covenant relationship. This is when strife and division can begin. When you enter into God's plan for your marriage, you agree that it is no longer just "I" but "we".

My closing comments: Marriage vows should be taken far more seriously.

Do you really understand the deeper meaning of your marriage covenant relationship?

DISCUSSION

1. Tell me a story of when you felt you were at your best – when you were most passionate, engaged and effective. What was happening?

2. What was your most painful life experience and what have you learned from it? How has it shaped who you are today? How could this be used to help other COUPLES? Read over your spouse's notes about your answers to these questions and then write down the two biggest insights that come to mind about how your past might inform your future.

Insight # 1 Insight # 2

Commit yourself to:

- Communicating freely and keeping no inappropriate secrets.
- Forgiving each other and seeking forgiveness.
- Seeking to discover and meeting each other's needs.
- Facing and conquering difficult circumstances.
- Guarding your marriage against threats and temptations.
- Enjoying ongoing emotional, physical and spiritual closeness.
- Committing till "death do us part".