# SIMPLE MARRIAGE 

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## 1. Marriage is a COVENANT.

## Genesis 2

18 Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." 24 This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into ONE.

Covenant is an AGREEMENT with $\underline{G O D}$ at the center.
2. To be FRIENDS.

## Ecclesiastes 9

${ }^{9}$ Live joyfully with the wife whom
you love all the days of your life.

Q: What did you enjoy with your wife when you $1^{\text {st }}$ met?

## 3. To be PARTNERS.

## Genesis 1

28 Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth, rule it and reign over it."

## Matthew 19

5 Jesus said, "... the two are united into ONE."

Marriage is $\underline{H E}+\underline{S H E}=\underline{W E}$.

It doesn't matter WHO does WHAT as long as WE get it all done.

## 4. To be LOVERS.

## Genesis 2

25 The man and his wife were
both naked and were not ashamed.

## 1 Corinthians 13

${ }^{4}$ Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. ${ }^{5}$ It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. ${ }^{6}$ It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. ${ }^{7}$ Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.

## Ephesians 5

25 Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave His life for it.

Intimacy is sharing ANYTHING with your wife that you don't share with ANYONE else.

## 5. For LIFE.

## Matthew 19

6 Jesus said, "Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together."

Romans 12
18 Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

Do WHATEVER it takes to FINISH strong.

## Group Discussion.

Q : How does viewing marriage as a COVENANT instead of a CONTRACT change how you interact with your wife?

Q: Which 1 of these do you need to work on in your marriage? Being ... FRIENDS - PARTNERS - LOVERS.

- What's 1 thing you can enjoy this week as FRIENDS?
- What's 1 way you can be a better PARTNER this week?
- What's 1 way you can show LOVE to your wife this week?

