

Facing the Giants In Marriage

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No More Excuses

Luke 14:28 A Covenant is a Promise Others Expect You to Keep

²⁸ “Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, *everyone who sees it will ridicule him,* ³⁰ saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’

> Your marriage vows are for keeps, but they are not always easy.

Let’s review the starting point...

Ventions

Do you **Groom** take **Bride** in covenant to be your lawful, wedded wife, to love and to cherish, to have and to hold, in plenty and in want, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, forsaking all others, to keep yourself to her only as long as you both shall live? If so, answer, "I do".

Do you, **Bride** take **Groom** in covenant to be your lawful, wedded husband, to love and to cherish, to have and to hold, in plenty and in want, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, forsaking all others, to keep yourself to him only as long as you both shall live? If so, answer, "I do".

Vows

I, **Groom** take you, **Bride**, in covenant, to be my wedded wife; and I do promise, before God and these witnesses, to be your loving and faithful husband, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.

I, **Bride**, take you, **Groom**, in covenant, to be my wedded husband, and I do promise, before God and these witnesses, to be your loving and faithful wife, in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as long as we both shall live.

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| > Plenty/ Want | Hebrews 13:3 |
| > Richer/ Poorer | James 2:5 |
| > Sickness/ Health | Prov. 18:14 |
| > Forsaking All Others/ Keeping Yourself Only | Matt 5:27 |
| > As Long As You Live | Galatians 3:15 |



Key: Your Marriage is God’s physical Representation of Christ’s love for the Church

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1. How does an excuse impact you moving forward?
2. How do you feel about someone who challenges your excuses?
3. What does it take to move past your excuse?

1 John 5:1-5 The Victory Is In The Overcoming!

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ²This is how we know that we love the children of God: *by loving God and carrying out his commands.* ³*This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome,* ⁴*for everyone born of God overcomes the world.* This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

- > Carrying out His commands is the fruit of a love relationship with God
- > Our relationships are restored and envisioned by:
 - Biblical truths applied
 - Biblical principles obeyed
 - Allowing the Holy Spirit to help us (the Helper)
 - To repent of “doing it my way”
 - Allowing God’s plan to over ride your plan (even if it is a good one)
 - Releasing the past and embracing His purpose



Jeremiah 29:11

¹¹For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

¹²*Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.* ¹³You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴*I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity.*

- > His plan is for you to grow in His purpose
- > His plan for your marriage and your life is released when you:
 - Call on Him
 - Come to Him
 - Pray to Him
 - To seek Him with all heart
- > Released from everything that holds you back!

Game On: No More Excuses

- > Skills? YOU CAN read the Word
YOU CAN use Christian books, CD’s, Seminars etc
YOU CAN do all things through Christ Jesus that strengthens you!
YOU CAN leave the old order of things behind



- > **Intimidated? YOU ARE His child and are called according to His purpose**
YOU ARE set apart to do His will
YOU ARE a new creation in Christ
- > **Failure? YOU HAVE the Holy Spirit in you**
YOU HAVE an identity in Christ and His will
YOU HAVE a calling to overcome ALL things in Christ
YOU HAVE the His anointing for succeeding for His plan.

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April 11, 2010 10:15 a.m.