

# Say What?

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## Covenant Communication

### Gen 2:2off The Real Deal Covenant

<sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman, for she was taken out of man.'"

<sup>24</sup> For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

<sup>25</sup> The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

- > The Covenant of Marriage was birthed in this action by God
- > Covenant verses Contract results in our communication as oneness not "two-ness".

The very basis for our wanting to communicate is because of our covenant relationship.

A contract would cause us to communicate to validate our part and dispute the other person's part. Agreement is relative to what we want.

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## Contract

Limited time Period  
Deal with Specific Actions  
Based on an “if...then” Mentality  
Motivated to Get Something We Want

## Covenant

View Commitments as Permanent  
Made up of Unconditional Promises  
Based on a Steadfast Love  
Initiated for the Benefit of the Other Person

## Say What?

1. What is the hardest about covenant communication?
2. What are some of the “anti-covenant” things that come against our communication?

### Testimony

Share a covenant communication moment you experienced.



## One Flesh Communication:

### **Psalm 119:105 The Word of God**

<sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Covenant Communication is founded on the covenant promises in the scriptures

*My feet* > The close things that need to be spoken of daily

*My path* > The vision of what lies ahead of us. Where do I see God leading?

### **1 Corinthians 5:17 My Relationship with God is the foundation for my intimacy of communication with my spouse.**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

*New* > from nothing. We are released from:

- > “The way we used to do it”
- > “That’s just the way I am”
- > “ I can’t change”
- > “ The devil made me do it!”



### **Ruth 1:16ff Other Centered Communication**

<sup>16</sup> But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if anything but death separates you and me.”

- > Although nothing was promised Ruth, she was in relationship with Naomi as her mother-in-law and saw this relationship as one of giving not getting.
- > People = family, Go= leaving, God= faith
- > Covenant communication has blessing and consequences.
- > ANYTHING ? Say What? .....