

Week Four

Examining Our Marital Vows In Detail

The marital vows:

To have and to hold
from this day forward,
for better or for worse,
for richer, for poorer,
in sickness and in health,
to love and to cherish;
and I promise to be faithful to you,
forsaking all others, until death do us part.

These marital vows reflect the necessity of commitment in a deeply fulfilling marriage. The road to lasting love requires both dedication and determination. It is fair to warn you that true commitment goes far beyond saying “until death do us part.” These vows reflect the sanctity of marriage, but do not guarantee a lifelong happy marriage. Indeed, true commitment is the difference between simply staying together and thriving together.

Next week: How And Why Commitment Develops