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Those Words at the Altar Those Words at the Altar

Rethinking Marriage as a Sacred Covenant



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1. Get _____ (vv.7-12)

2. Recall _____ (vv.13-15a)

3. _____ (vv.15b-16)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Based on what you've learned, what is a sacred covenant? What are some of different types of covenants?

What are some of the varied consequences of breaking the different varieties of covenants?

- 2. If married, recall and describe the words you used when you "covenanted" with your spouse at your wedding.
- 3. Which aspects of your wedding ceremony acknowledged the fact that marriage is a "divinely ordained contract"?

To what extent where you cognizant that God was a witness to your vows? Explain what difference this made.

	What could you do to reaffirm the sacred nature of your marriage covenant?	We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.
4.	If you have been divorced, describe what you've learned about broken covenants?	June 26 th 1Chr.26-27 & Ps.25-26 June 27 th 1Chr.28-29 & Ps.27-28 June 28 th 2Chr.1-2 & Ps.29-30
5.	If you are married, what will you do to guard, defend and protect your commitment to "be one" with your spouse "for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health?"	June 29 th 2Chr.3-4 & Ps.31-32 June 30 th 2Chr.5-6 & Ps.33-34 July 1 st 2Chr.7-9 & Ps.35-36 July 2 nd 2Chr.10-12 & Ps.37 July 3 rd 2Chr.13-14 & Ps.38-39

Here are some resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon. Adams, Jay. Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage. Zondervan, 1986. Alcorn, Randy C. Christians in the Wake of the Sexual Revolution: Recovering Our Sanity. Multnomah Press, 1985. Black, Jeffery S. Sexual Sin: Combating the Drifting and Cheating. P & R, 2003. Carder, Dave. Torn Asunder: Recovering from Extramarital Affairs. Moody Press, 1992. Daniels, Robert. The War Within: Gaining Victory in the Battle for Sexual Purity. Crossway Books, 1997. Fabarez, Mike. "Taming the Detriments of Divorce" – Family Dragons, part 5. Focal Point CD #01-28. Hillerstrom P. Roger. Intimate Deception: Escaping the Trap of Sexual Impurity. Multnomah Press, 1989. Jenkins, Jerry B. Hedges: Loving Your Marriage Enough to Protect It. Moody Press, 1989. Mack, Wayne. Strengthening Your Marriage. P & R, 1977. Thoennes, K. Erik. Godly Jealousy: A Theology of Intolerant Love. Christian Focus Publications, 2005.