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We commit to:

1. Seek God
2. Fight Fair
3. Have Fun
4. Stay Up
5. Never Give Up

³ Some Pharisees came to him, and to test him they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause?" ⁴ He answered, "Have you not read that the one who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Matthew 19:3-6 (NRSV)

Marriage is a Covenant Not A Contract

- A contract is based on mutual _____.
- It _____ my responsibilities and _____ my rights
- A Covenant is based on mutual _____
- It _____ my rights and _____ my responsibility

Sowing and Reaping in Marriage

⁷ Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. ⁸ Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:7-9 (NIV2011)

1. You reap _____ you sow

2. You reap _____ you sow

¹⁴ You cry out, "Why doesn't the LORD accept my worship?" I'll tell you why! Because the LORD witnessed the vows you and your wife made when you were young. But you have been unfaithful to her, though she remained your faithful partner, the wife of your marriage vows. ¹⁵ Didn't the LORD make you one with your wife? In body and spirit you are his. And what does he want? Godly children from your union. So guard your heart; remain loyal to the wife of your youth. ¹⁶ "For I hate divorce!" says the LORD, the God of Israel. "To divorce your wife is to overwhelm her with cruelty," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies. "So guard your heart; do not be unfaithful to your wife." Malachi 2:14-16 (NLT)

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Trust my life to God as I repent of my sin.
- Stop treating my marriage like a contract and start treating it like a covenant.
- Take care what and where I sow so that I will reap a harvest that honors God
- Meditate on or Memorize Matthew 19:5-6