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## The Vow - Week Two: “The Promise of Partnership”

Ephesians 5:21-33

*Make a promise of partnership to your partner, and keep it.*

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## SERMON EXTRAS & FURTHER READING

### FOR FURTHER READING:

*The Zim-Zum of Love: A New Way of Understanding Marriage*  
by Rob and Kristen Bell

*Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*  
By John Gottman, PhD

*The 5 Love Languages: The Secret to Love That Lasts*  
Gary Chapman

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### DAILY DEVOTIONALS THIS WEEK:

*The daily devotionals will be posted on Pastor Leon’s blog, linked on his Tumblr account, the church’s Facebook Page and Twitter.*

### A BIT OF RECAP—WHY DO THIS SERIES?

FOR A BUNCH OF PEOPLE WITH LOTS TO SAY ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE’S MARRIAGES—CHRISTIANS DON’T SEEM TO BE DOING A GOOD JOB ON THEIR OWN.

**WE STRUGGLE TO MAKE GOOD PROMISES AND KEEP THEM:**

**PROMISE OF PRIORITY**

**PROMISE OF PARTNERSHIP**

**TODAY: MAKE A PROMISE OF PARTNERSHIP TO YOUR PARTNER—AND KEEP IT**

**INTENTIONS VS. ACTIONS**

*WE LOVE TO JUDGE OUR PARTNER BY THEIR ACTIONS*

*AND OURSELVES BY OUR INTENTIONS.*

**BUT THIS CREATES IMBALANCE—A SIGN THAT WE’RE NOT TRULY “ALL IN.”**

### EPHESIANS 5:21-33

- PAUL DRAWS FROM GENESIS CHAPTER 2 - “IT IS NOT GOOD FOR MAN TO BE ALONE.”
- ADAM IS PUT TO SLEEP—GOD DRAWS WOMAN OUT OF HIM, CHAVA OR EVE
- WAS IT A “RIB” OR SIMPLY HIS “SIDE” WHY DOES THIS MATTER—HEART
- THE DEEPER MEANING HERE IS THAT THEY ARE ABSOLUTELY CONNECTED—ONE FLESH
- ANCIENT RABBI—SO THAT THEY WOULD LOVE AS THEY LOVED THEIR OWN BODY
- PAUL PICKS UP ON THIS—“ECHAD” LITERALLY COMPLETELY JOINED AS ONE

**FROM THE BEGINNING GOD HAS A DESIRE FOR US TO BE ALL IN ON OUR RELATIONSHIPS**

**WE SHOULD BE ALL IN—HOLDING NOTHING BACK**

*PRACTICING MUTUAL SUBMISSION, “CLEAVING” TO ONE ANOTHER...*

*BECAUSE WHEN ONLY ONE PERSON IS ALL IN—IT’S DISASTER*

**DON’T THINK THAT YOUR PASTORS AND PASTOR’S SPOUSE’S HAVE ALL OF THIS COLD**

*WE HAVE OUR GOOD DAYS AND OUR BAD DAYS*

**WE ALL DO... WHEN WE FALL BACK ON OUR INTENTIONS—AND PAST PERFORMANCE**

**IN ORDER TO HAVE A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WE NEED TO MAKE AND KEEP THERE PROMISE EVERY DAY WE NEED TO BE ALL IN ALL THE TIME**

PASTOR CRAIG GROESCHEL—IT COMES DOWN TO ONE STATEMENT...

**I PROMISE OUR RELATIONSHIP WILL BE ABOUT WE AND NOT ME**

*MAKE THIS YOUR DAILY MANTRA UNTIL YOU OWN IT.*

**MAKE GOOD PROMISES AND THEN KEEP THOSE PROMISES.**