



Pastor's Pledge

As the pastor of _____ (church name), I _____ (pastor's name) desire to accurately handle the Word of Truth, as a workman who has no reason to be ashamed. (2 Timothy 2:15) According to 2 Timothy 4:2, I pledge myself to preach the Word in season and out of season, reproving, rebuking, and exhorting with great patience and instruction. I believe the time has come when some in the body of Christ have turned away from the sound doctrine pertaining to covenant marriage and that divorce has so easily become an option in the lives of some believers.

God ordained covenant marriage in the Garden of Eden when He created man and took woman from his side to be his wife. I also recognize that Satan began his attack in the Garden of Eden upon God's covenant with man and upon the covenant between the husband and the wife. With that attack, and man's disobedience, a curse came upon all mankind. Jeremiah 11:3 says, "Cursed is the man who disobeys the words of His covenant."

I believe that Satan has never ceased from his attack or in any way diminished his efforts to destroy the covenant and thus the sanctity of marriage. It is my desire to see the enemy defeated, the curse of divorce broken, and the church once again teaching "one man for one wife, for life," without divorce being an option. Therefore I pledge myself to be actively involved in teaching covenant marriage to all age groups for the purpose of seeing divorce trends changed for this generation and ultimately annihilated for all future generations of believers.

For all members who will enter into covenant contracts of marriage, and specifically with regard to the covenant contract of marriage between the undersigned husband and wife, I further pledge myself and the ministering leadership of this church to uphold binding arbitration and mediation as defined in the contract and as taken from God's Word in 1 Corinthians 6, utilizing the services of ministries like Covenant Marriages Ministry to strengthen our efforts. Should our best efforts within our framework of leadership not bring total resolve to marital conflicts, we will encourage and implement the Matthew 18 principle of seeking resolve by involving the church body as a whole. Let it be clearly understood that the ultimate goal of our efforts as a church and as leadership within the church will be to foster and insure forgiveness, healing, and restoration with a spirit of love governing all.

Concerning that which the enemy has meant for destruction, we now take authority in the name of Jesus Christ and turn it to God's glory as we again see covenant marriages holding a standard of Christ's love for His bride, the church!

Pledged and signed on the:

_____ day of the month of _____, in the year _____.

PASTOR

HUSBAND

WIFE

Witness: _____

Witness: _____

