## MY COVENANT COMMITMENT

COMMIT TO WORKING TOGETHER THROUGH PROBLEMS AND NOT WALKING AWAY (1 CORINTHIANS 7:27)

- DECIDE TOGETHER THAT A DIVORCE IS NOT AN OPTION.
- AGREE TO COMMUNICATE FEELINGS HONESTLY AND LOVINGLY

OFFER LOVE TO YOUR MATE EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE IT (1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8)

- EVALUATE HOW YOUR LOVE COMPARES TO THAT DESCRIBED IN 1 CORINTHIANS 13.
- SUBSTITUTE YOUR NAME IN THE PLACE OF THE WORD "LOVE" IN VERSES 4-8.
- PRAY DAILY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE HURT YOU- FORGIVE AND FORGIVE AGAIN REFUSE TO KEEP A RECORD OF WRONG.
- VIEW YOUR MARRIAGE AS GOD'S SETTING FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH (PROVERBS 15:13)
  - REALIZE THAT GOD DID NOT CREATE ANY ONE PERSON TO MEET ALL YOUR NEEDS.
  - WHILE GOD IS YOUR ULTIMATE NEED METER, SEE YOUR MATE AS GOD'S GIFT TO MEET SOME OF THOSE NEEDS.
- ELIMINATE ANY EMPHASIS ON YOUR RIGHTS (1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20) E
  - IDENTIFY WHAT MAKES YOU ANGRY
  - SENSITIVELY EXPRESS YOUR HONEST DESIRES "IT WOULD MEAN A LOT TO ME IF YOU WOULD TAKE OUT THE TRASH."
  - NURTURE YOUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST (PHILIPPIANS 4:13)
  - EVALUATE IF YOUR SENSE OF SELF-WORTH IS BASED ON HOW YOUR SPOUSE TREATS YOU.
  - ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOUR TRUE IDENTITY IS IN CHRIST, NOT YOUR SPOUSE.

ASK GOD TO CHANGE YOU (PSALM 51:10)

- EVALUATE WHAT AREAS IN YOUR LIFE NEED CHANGING.
- ASK YOUR SPOUSE "WOULD YOU NAME ONE AREA IN MY LIFE WHERE YOU FEEL I NEED. THE MOST CHANGE."
- NOURISH YOUR EXTENDED FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS (EXODUS 20:12)
  - EVALUATE THE TANGIBLE AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF YOUR IN LAWS.
- CONSISTENTLY LOOK FOR THE POSITIVE IN YOUR SPOUSE'S FAMILY.
- TURN YOUR EXPECTATIONS OVER TO GOD (PSALM 62:1)
- EVALUATE THE UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS YOU'VE HAD ON YOUR MARRIAGE AND YOUR SPOUSE.
  - REALIZE GOD CAN BRING COMPLETE FULFILLMENT TO YOU REGARDLESS OF YOUR MARRIAGE PARTNER.