

**The Performance of a Lifetime
“The Vows”**

VIDEO – VOW 1

Mailbox with Pastor - Pull out 3 words?

Matthew 5:33 (NLT)

WHAT IS A VOW? A promise, commitment, one by which a person is bound to.

ILL: If we say them in a church before God why are they being broken.

-Nearly 50% of married men & 42% of married women have affairs.

-In the U.S. less than half of couples who marry will stay married 15 years.

-Every 10 to 13 seconds another couple divorces.

VOW #1 OF PRIORITY

Genesis 2:24 (NIV)

LEAVE – a-zab – (aw-zab) Hebrew means, to loosen, relinquish, to let go of what you were holding and commit to something new.

I PROMISE THAT GOD WILL BE MY #1 PRIORITY AND MY SPOUSE WILL BE MY #2.

VOW #2 OF PURSUIT

A. I PROMISE TO ALWAYS PURSUE MY TWO

Genesis 2:24 (AMP)

CLEAVE - da-bok (daw-bak'); cling or adhere; to catch by pursuit, pursue hard with affection and devotion.

B. WE HAVE TO THINK THAT WAY OUR MATE IS ALWAYS STUCK TO US.

C. TOO MANY COUPLES HAVE OR ARE CUTTING THE BOND

Mark 10:9 (MSG)

1. HOW CAN YOU CLOSE IN THE GAP?

2. PURSUE BY ENCOURAGEMENT

Hebrews 3:13 (NIV)

3. PURSUE HER WITH WORDS OF **AFFECTION**.

4. PURSUE HIM WITH WORDS OF **AFFIRMATION**.

D. WE HEAR, “WHY SHOULD I AFFIRM HIM OR GIVE HER WORD OF AFFECTION”

1. **TO GET WHAT YOU’VE NEVER HAD, YOU MUST DO WHAT YOU’VE NEVER DONE.**
2. **TO GET WHAT YOU ONCE HAD, YOU MUST DO WHAT YOU ONCE DID.**

VOW #3 OF PARTNERSHIP

A. I PROMISE OUR MARRIAGE WILL BE ABOUT “WE” AND NOT “ME”.

Mark 10:7-9 (MSG)

UNITED – YAK-HOD - yaw-khad - altogether, completely joined as one.

1. **PEOPLE THINK THAT UNITED MEANS** joined together **physically**.
2. Spouses who are obedient to Christ by cleaving to each other not only physically, but spiritually.
3. Are the ones who become one flesh and through God joins together. Only God can bind a couple together spiritually
4. When a couples obedient to Him. He rewards and blesses obedience, not disobedience.

MARRIAGE IS A COVENANT NOT A CONTRACT

1. A **CONTRACT** IS BASED ON MUTUAL DISTRUST.
2. A **COVENANT** IS BASED ON MUTUAL COMMITMENT.

COVENANT PARTNERSHIP INCLUDES

GODLY LEADERSHIP AND MUTUAL SUBMISSION.

Ephesians 5:21-24 (NIV)

WHEN THE COVENANT PARTNERSHIP DOESN’T HAPPEN GOD SAYS:

Luke 11:17-18

**ONLY IN SECOND SERVICE
VIDEO – VOWS 2**

PAINO PLAYS IN 1ST SERVICE @ EPH. 5:21

PAINO PLAYS IN 2ND SERVICE AFTER VIDEO