

Message Notes:

The Vow

Message Title:  
"Valuable Vows"

Text:  
Genesis 2:18-24

"This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." Genesis 2:24, NLT

"A covenant is an unconditional, binding agreement between two parties before God." Craig Groeschel

"At the climax of the Genesis account of creation we see God bringing a woman and man together to unite them in marriage. The Bible begins with a wedding (of Adam and Eve) and ends in the book of Revelation with a wedding (of Christ and the church). Marriage is God's idea." Rev. Timothy Keller

Valuable Vows in Marriage:

1. Commitment
  - a. "...the Lord is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth, because you have broken faith with her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant." Malachi 2:14, NIV
2. Compromise
  - a. "Love...does not pursue selfish advantage." 1 Corinthians 13:5, Phillips
3. Communication
  - a. "When you talk, do not say harmful things, but say what people need – words that will help others become stronger." Ephesians 4:29, NCV
4. Contact
  - a. "The husband should fulfill his wife's sexual needs, and the wife should fulfill her husband's needs." 1 Corinthians 7:3, NLT
5. Christ
  - a. "...two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken." Ecclesiastes 4:12-13, NLT