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# Foreword

*Marriage is one of God's greatest gifts to humanity, yet it remains one of the most misunderstood institutions in our generation. While many view marriage merely as a social contract or an emotional relationship, the Scriptures reveal something far deeper: marriage is a covenant established and ordained by God Himself.*

*In this timely and insightful teaching, **Pastor (Mrs) Faith Oyedepo** takes us back to the biblical foundation of marriage and unveils its true nature as a sacred covenant. With clarity, wisdom, and practical insight drawn from the Word of God, she carefully explains the principles that distinguish marriage from every other human relationship.*

*Throughout these pages, readers will discover that marriage is not merely about companionship, romance, ceremonies, rings, or traditions. It is a divine covenant designed by God to reflect His own covenant-keeping nature. Understanding this truth is essential for anyone who desires to build a stable, fruitful, and God-centred home.*

*Whether you are single, preparing for marriage, newly married, or have been married for many years, the truths contained in this book offer valuable guidance. The author highlights the covenant foundations of marriage, the responsibilities of both husband and wife, and the biblical principles that sustain healthy relationships through every season of life.*

*Particularly compelling is the emphasis on God's role as the central figure in every successful marriage. As this book demonstrates, the closer a husband and wife draw to God, the closer they grow to one another. This timeless truth remains one of the greatest secrets of lasting marital success.*

*At a time when many homes are under pressure and the sanctity of marriage is increasingly challenged, this message serves as both a reminder and a call to return to*

*God's original blueprint. It encourages believers to honour the marriage covenant, embrace their God-given responsibilities, and rely upon God's grace to build homes that glorify Him.*

*It is our prayer that as you read this book, your understanding of marriage will be deepened, your commitment to God's covenant principles will be strengthened, and your home will become a living testimony of God's faithfulness.*

*May the Lord grant you wisdom, grace, and strength to walk in the fullness of His purpose for marriage.*

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# ***Main Message***

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## Introduction

Today, I welcome you to *Times of Refreshing*. Our topic is captioned: The Covenant of Marriage

The Bible states:

“Yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.”

— Malachi 2:14 (KJV)

Many people, including Christians today, view marriage as a social relationship that can be entered into and severed at will. This is clearly seen in the manner in which some people casually enter into marriage and how quickly they get out of it.

However, it is critical for you to understand that marriage is a covenant relationship. It is God's design, as seen in Genesis 2:18, where He brought the woman, Eve, to the man, Adam, stating:

“It is not good that the man should be alone...”

— Genesis 2:18 (KJV)

Marriage was not created as a mere romantic relationship but as a way of modelling God's covenant-keeping nature.

Indeed, all through Scripture, it is evident that God is passionate about the sanctity of marriage and the stability of the home. You should be too.

If you want to know how passionate God is about marriage, consider John 2:1–11. Jesus Christ attended a wedding ceremony, and the first miracle He performed was at that wedding.

Therefore, it is clear from the Word of God that marriage is patterned after God's relationship with the Church (Ephesians 5:32), which is:

1. Loving
2. Faithful
3. Everlasting

Marriage is a very sacred institution. It is important for every Christian, in particular, to understand this fact.

Many marriages, I believe, would be better if both husband and wife understood that marriage is a covenant.

I pray that the God of heaven will give you a deeper understanding of the covenant of marriage, even today.

# What Is Marriage?

Recently, during an interview, I was asked about my personal convictions concerning marriage. I would like to share them with you briefly.

Going through the Word of God, it is very clear that marriage is a union—the coming together of two people of the opposite sex with a view to building a God-centred home.

Marriage is a unique covenant relationship ordained by God for a man and a woman to:

1. Give
2. Receive satisfaction for their healthy needs and desires

# What Is a Covenant?

A covenant is an oath-bound relationship between two parties.

The word *covenant* is actually of Latin origin, *con venire*, meaning “a coming together” — a formal contractual agreement between two or more parties, with each party agreeing to do something as a prerequisite to receiving some benefit.

The great man of God, Jack Hayford, writes:

“The covenant of marriage is the single most important human bond that holds all of God's work on the planet together.”

This is very true.

I pray that the God of heaven will help you, wherever you may be right now, to gain a greater understanding of this truth and begin to put it to work, whether you are single or married.

# What Makes Marriage a Covenant Relationship?

## 1. It Brings Two Lives Together to Form One

Jesus said:

“For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; and they twain shall be one flesh.”

— Mark 10:7–8 (KJV)

One flesh—not just one spirit, but one flesh.

This is very critical.

Just as accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour brings you into covenant relationship and union with God, in the same way, husband and wife are joined together and seen as one before God.

When you get married, your lives are truly joined.

You should therefore help each other in every possible way to attain higher levels spiritually, mentally, and physically.

This understanding has helped us greatly in our own marriage.

Every opportunity I have, I look for ways to make my husband's life better. When I do that, I am not doing him a favour; I am simply keeping the part of the covenant that God has committed into my hands.

Therefore, husband and wife, do not do to your spouse what you would not tolerate yourself.

Since the two have become one flesh, whatever good thing you desire for yourself should also be desired for your spouse.

Treat your spouse the way you want to be treated.

Ensure that you do to each other only what you would want done to you.

This is very important.

## **2. It Is Written and Bound by an Oath**

The Bible says:

“Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables...”  
— Habakkuk 2:2 (KJV)

Write it.

The covenant of marriage is formalised when it is documented and sealed by an oath, whether through an authorised church marriage licence or a government-recognised marriage declaration.

In Exodus 20, God wrote out the Ten Commandments—the terms of His covenant with Israel. Again, in Exodus 34:27, when God made a covenant with the Israelites, He commanded Moses to write it down.

Similarly, the marriage certificate serves as the formal document that binds husband and wife in marriage. If you are experiencing challenges in your marriage, it is wisdom to take hold of your marriage certificate as a point of contact and trust God for divine intervention.

I pray for you today: if you are challenged in your marriage, may the God of heaven step in supernaturally.

I decree peace to every storm in your marriage, in Jesus' name.

### **3. There Are Witnesses to It**

The Bible says:

“...the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth...”

— Malachi 2:14 (KJV)

God originated marriage; therefore, He is the principal witness to every marriage covenant. In addition, there are usually other witnesses—parents, family members, friends, loved ones, and many others.

Genesis 29:22 records that when Jacob was given in marriage, the men of the place were gathered together. Likewise, when Boaz took Ruth as his wife, he called witnesses to the union (Ruth 4).

Since God is the principal witness to the marriage covenant, you need a personal relationship with Him.

## **The Marriage Covenant Triangle**

The covenant of marriage is a triangle. On one side is the husband. On the other side is the wife. At the top is God.

Together they form a threefold cord that cannot easily be broken.

“And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

— Ecclesiastes 4:12 (KJV)

The closer both husband and wife get to God, the closer they become to one another. Your relationship with God enables you to keep your part of the covenant. Your walk with God should be reflected in how you treat your spouse.

Let your attitude towards your spouse show that you genuinely love and reverence God.

## 4. It Has a Token

Every covenant has a token.

When God entered into covenant with Noah, He gave him the rainbow as a token.

“And I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant...”

— Genesis 9:16 (KJV)

Today, many people see the rainbow but do not realise its covenant significance. Likewise, Jesus Christ was given as the token of God's covenant of love toward mankind. The circumcision of every male child was also the token of God's covenant with Abraham (Genesis 17:11).

Another example is found in the covenant between David and Jonathan, where there was an exchange of garments and weapons as covenant tokens. In the same way, the exchange of wedding rings between husband and wife serves as a token of the marriage covenant.

This is why declarations are often made during weddings such as:

*"I give you this ring as a token of my love."*

These declarations reinforce the covenant nature of marriage.

## 5. There Is a Change of Name

This is very interesting.

Abraham's name was changed after the covenant God established with him.

“Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham...”

— Genesis 17:5 (KJV)

Jacob's name was also changed to Israel after his covenant encounter with God (Genesis 32:28).

In the first marriage, Scripture says:

“Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam...”

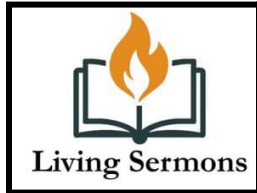
— Genesis 1:27 (KJV)

Therefore, the wife takes up her husband's name as a validation of the marriage covenant.

The husband gives his wife the authority to bear his name.

God sees the two as one.

When it is declared, “Mr and Mrs,” it signifies the covenant relationship that exists between them.



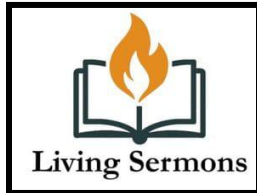
## About the Speaker

**Pastor (Mrs.) Faith Oyedepo** is a Nigerian Christian author, teacher, and preacher widely known for her consistent ministry alongside her husband, David Oyedepo, the founder of Living Faith Church Worldwide (Winners' Chapel).

She has served for decades in the Christian ministry, with a strong emphasis on marriage, family life, womanhood, and godly character. Her teachings are marked by simplicity, practical wisdom, and a focus on building stable Christian homes rooted in scriptural principles.

Beyond her public teaching role, she is also recognized for her consistent support in church leadership development and humanitarian efforts connected to the ministry she co-labors in. Over the years, her voice has remained steady in reinforcing values of faith, order, and responsibility in Christian family structures.

Her contribution to contemporary Nigerian Christianity is largely seen through the lens of discipleship in the home, where she continues to influence both younger and older generations of believers through teaching, example, and structured mentorship within the church community.



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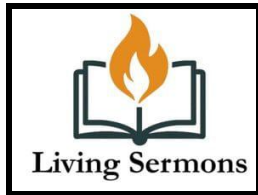
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