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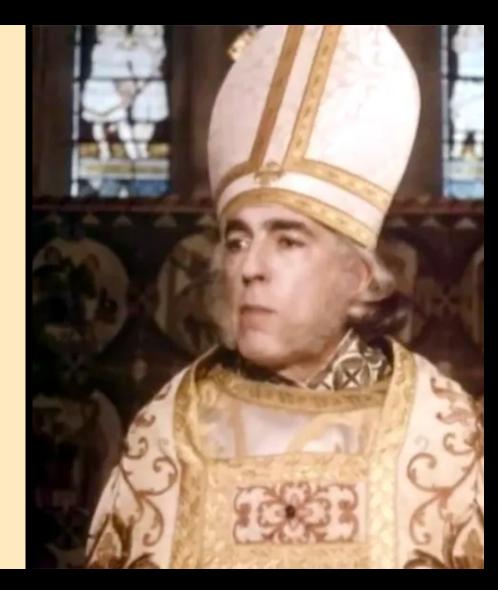


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Expressive Individualism





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Union founded on promise and oath, before God and one another. A union that is designed to be binding and to create a security for mutual love, for families to grow, and to put the good of the relationship ahead of the individual.



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A covenant allows you to enter into a relationship that is more personal than a contract and way more permanent than any other normal relationships.

- Timothy Keller



Genesis 2:20-25

²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.



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How does a covenantal understanding of marriage shape our relationships?



A covenantal understanding means that marriage is not a contract or consumer relationship.





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A covenantal understanding of marriage means that we must take divorce incredibly seriously.



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Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶ "For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples,



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⁸ but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,



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2 Timothy 2:13

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful for he cannot deny himself.





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God models sacrificial love.





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Jeremiah 3:6-10 God went through a divorce.





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God radically commits himself to the restoration of what is broken.