

OUR ENGAGEMENT PROMISE

GOAL: To help us become aware of the preparation needed for entering the covenant of marriage. To emphasize the importance of commitment in marriage. To offer us the opportunity to write a covenant promise to each other.

INTRODUCTION:

The title of this podcast is “Our Engagement Promise.” In this episode, we look at how engagement is part of preparation for marriage and how it offers us the opportunity to continue deepening our relationship as we move toward our marriage. Remember, a wedding is a day; a marriage is a lifetime.

1. A CALL TO LOVE
2. THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMITMENT
3. AN ENGAGEMENT PROMISE — A PLEDGE OF OUR COMMITMENT
4. PURPOSE OF AN ENGAGEMENT PROMISE
5. SUGGESTED HELP FOR GETTING STARTED ON YOUR ENGAGEMENT PROMISE (See page 9.2)

MAKE THIS A SPECIAL TIME IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP

1. Review the directions and suggestions below to begin writing.
2. Write for the full suggested writing time of 15 minutes.
3. Share for the full suggested time of 15 minutes.

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Following are some ways you might begin your engagement promise. Use one or more of these statements or begin in your own way. In any case, be specific in what you see as needed in your relationship between now and your wedding day.

1. "I pledge to live out my love for you by ... " (Give several practical ways you will do this).
2. "I want to live the rest of my life with you because ... " (Share the qualities you see in each other that make you want to spend the rest of your life together).
3. "Because I love you, I plan to work on deepening our relationship between now and our wedding day by _____."
4. "Although I love you, I cannot commit myself to you for life at this time, until/because..." (do not be afraid to express your true feelings if this is the case. Trust that your fiancé will value your honesty. An inability to commit yourself at this time does not necessarily mean that you will be unable to commit in the future).

