

**Renewal Of Wedding Vows**  
**#SermonWedding**  
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**Genesis 1:26-27, 31** God said, “Let us make human beings in our image and likeness...”<sup>27</sup> So God created human beings in his image. In the image of God he created them. He created them male and female.<sup>31</sup> God looked at everything he had made, and it was very good. (NCV)

**Genesis 2:18, 21-22** God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a companion who will help him.’...<sup>21</sup> So the LORD God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep. He took one of Adam’s ribs and closed up the place from which he had taken it.<sup>22</sup>Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib and brought her to Adam.” (NLT)

**How To Make Your Marriage Last**

**1 Corinthians 13:13** Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love. (NLT)

- Build your marriage on FAITH.
- Build your marriage on HOPE
- Build your marriage on LOVE

**1 Corinthians 13:3-7** ...no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.<sup>4</sup> Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head,<sup>5</sup> Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always "me first," Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,<sup>6</sup> Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,<sup>7</sup> Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end. (MSG)

The secret to a lasting marriage is COMMITMENT

***Challenge to the Men:***

**Ephesians 5:28** This is how husbands should treat their wives, loving them as parts of themselves. For since a man and his wife are now one, a man is really doing himself a favor and loving himself when he loves his wife! (LB)

***Challenge to the Women:***

**Ephesians 5:22** Wives, understand and support your husbands in ways that show your support for Christ. (MSG)

***Renewal of Vows:***

On our wedding day, I promised to love you in sickness and in health, and for better or worse. Today before God and all these witnesses, I am proud to renew my commitment to you, as long as we both shall live.

***Blessing of the Hands and Rings:***

In love I give you my hand in marriage. With this ring I reaffirm my commitment to you and promise to always be faithful to you.

**Genesis 2:24** When a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, the two are united into one. (NLT)

***Lighting of the Unity Candle:***

***Closing Prayer:***