



## The Engagement Covenant

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Congratulations to both of you on having made one of the most significant decisions of your lives! While we believe making Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior is the most important life-changing decision you can make, choosing the one with whom you will spend the rest of your life in the sacred covenant of marriage is incredibly significant. Now that you have chosen to commit yourselves to one another, we encourage you to align your engagement, your marriage and your home with the biblical standards God has created for us.

Believing that marriage is a holy and sacred gift from God, it is our desire that couples approach marriage according to a way that is pleasing to God. Therefore, Pastors reserve the right to decline officiating a wedding if couples do not agree with the "engagement covenant" which includes the following:

### *A Covenant of Belief*

In believing that the Bible teaches that Christians are to marry only Christians, we require that both bride and groom individually come to an understanding and acceptance of Christ's sacrificial death. (2 Corinthians 6:14-16; Romans 10:9-10)

### *A Covenant of Purity*

Believing that the sexual relationship has been designed and intended for marriage, we ask that you agree to abstain from any sexual relationship until after the wedding. Furthermore, believing that living arrangements that include cohabitation prior to the wedding is a compromise of your Christian witness, we ask that you agree to separate living arrangements until the wedding. (1 Tim 4:12)

### *A Covenant of Faithfulness*

Believing that the Church is God's Greenhouse to grow strong marriages, we ask that you find a place of involvement in Faith Promise Church, a part of the Body of Christ, and pursue a lifestyle of faithfulness. (Hebrews 10:19-25)

Signature of Bride: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Groom: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email form to [martiw@faithpromise.org](mailto:martiw@faithpromise.org).