Corrinne Marie, I remember in high school sitting behind you in many of our classes… and just adoring you. It was a little creepy… but I would often wonder if we would ever be together. Especially considering what a screw ball I am. Of course, not long after that we were writing secret notes to each other and I finally got the answer to my question. 8 years ago, when I asked you to be my girlfriend. I recall it clearly, because when I asked you, you promptly responded “well you know my answer, but I have to think about it.” Which, for me, was a lot better than if you said no and I was game for that. I spent the rest of the day trying to get you to say yes.

We went to college together, and I asked you to marry me, and you didn’t even give me an answer that time. You thought I was joking… until I convinced you, it was real, you said yes to that too and now you’re stuck with me.

In just a moment we both will be asked a different question… one much more serious than anything I could ever ask you. Before that, I want you to know who you are to me. You are God’s masterpiece created in Jesus Christ to do good things, which He has ordained long ago. You are faithful, disciplined, loving, sacrificial, humble, truthful, trusting, hopeful, consistent, endearing, captivating, admirable, knowledgeable, treasurable, precious, priceless, spiritually wealthy, and Godly.

I will always pursue you, just like Hosea pursued Gomer, and Christ pursued the church. I will Love you just like Christ Loves the church and gave Himself up for her. The world says we need Love until it hurts, God says we need to Love until we die. My faithfulness to you is not superficial I am promising to be with you and only you for my entire life. No matter what you do or what you say I will Love you and I will remain faithful to you til death.

I Love you Corrinne Marie and this is the beginning, the time we serve the Lord together.

My sweet Gabriel Wesley,

We’ve been waiting for this day for 8 years! I always knew that day I saw you down that hallway that we would have something between us. I never thought that we would one day be saying some of the most important promises of our lives to each other. But here we are.

I began to find out how kind-hearted and gentle you were once we began talking. You’ve always had this love for getting to know where people are coming from. Even from the beginning when we were just teenagers, you never failed to put me first. Whether it was picking what movie we wanted to see or the flavor of ice cream we would share, your love for putting me first has always shone through.

They say your significant other is your better half and I never understood that until I met you. You make me a better person in every way. Through each year we’ve been together, we’ve overcome so many obstacles. From high school, college, vacations, graduation, jobs –we’ve always come out better. Over the years, people have continually asked me “how are you so sure that Gabe is the one?” – It’s because you’re the first person I think of when I wake up and the last one I think of before I fall asleep at night.

I can’t believe I’m the one who gets to love you. I can’t believe I’m the one who you chose. I’m forever grateful to your devotion and careful attention to our relationship. Thank you for always loving me even during the times I’m not so loveable.

As your wife, I hope to be many things—but one of them is not perfect, because I know that we wouldn’t be standing here today without the growth we’ve made through our imperfections.

I can promise however to try my best:

-I promise to love you through everything

-I promise to let you drive whenever you ask

-I promise to be your advocate and your best friend through whatever path the Lord chooses for us

-I promise to submit to your leadership and to be gentle and kind in spirit

-I promise to let you roll your clothes instead of folding them, even if it takes you all year

-I promise to let you sing and dance to any song you want to—even if my face says otherwise

-I promise to put God first, you second, and myself last

-and I promise try my best to be half the person you are