

- To “comfort.”
  - “a calling”
  - “to walk beside”
- To “edify.”
  - “to build up”

HEBREWS 3:13

<sup>13</sup> But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

## 6. \_\_\_\_\_

1 CORINTHIANS 7:3-4

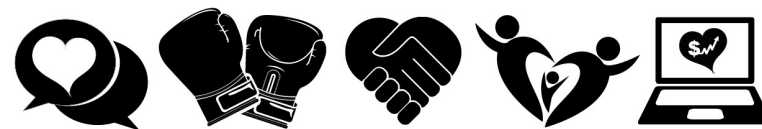
<sup>3</sup> Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. <sup>4</sup> The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

Conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reflection Questions:

1. What three things would you do differently if you could start your marriage over?
2. Which of the six steps to beginning again does your marriage need the most? Explain.
3. Would you consider your marriage warm and loving, hot and cold, or dry and barren? In what ways?
4. Have you hugged your husband or wife today?

SIMPLY LIVING WHAT WE VOWED



## Renewing Your Vows

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Introduction: \_\_\_\_\_

MALACHI 2:16

<sup>16</sup> For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the Lord of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

QUOTE: “Our God is the God of a second chance.”

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23

<sup>22</sup> It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. <sup>23</sup> They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

<sup>17</sup> Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

GENESIS 29:20-25

<sup>20</sup> And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her. <sup>21</sup> And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto her. <sup>22</sup> And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. <sup>23</sup> And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. <sup>24</sup> And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah his maid for an handmaid. <sup>25</sup> And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me?

GENESIS 29:30

<sup>30</sup> *And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.*

GENESIS 29:17

<sup>17</sup> *Leah was tender eyed; but Rachel was beautiful and well favoured.*

GENESIS 30:1

<sup>1</sup> *And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die.*

GENESIS 31:4

<sup>4</sup> *And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock,*

- Jacob's marriage to Leah began with deception.
- Jacob's marriage to Leah showed negative favoritism.
- Jacob's marriage to Leah continued with competition.
- Jacob's marriage to Leah concluded with love, loyalty, honor, and expectation.

## SIX PRINCIPLES FOR RENEWING YOUR VOWS:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

ROMANS 15:7

<sup>7</sup> *Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.*

2. \_\_\_\_\_

1 PETER 1:22

<sup>22</sup> *Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.*

## WE SHOW ATTENTION THROUGH:

- Spontaneous compliments
- Thoughtful purchases
- Expressed gratitude
- Unexpected calls
- Public praise

3. \_\_\_\_\_

EPHESIANS 5:21

<sup>21</sup> *Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

4. \_\_\_\_\_

EPHESIANS 4:31-32

<sup>31</sup> *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: <sup>32</sup> And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21

<sup>21</sup> *For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

PROVERBS 19:11

<sup>11</sup> *The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.*

5. \_\_\_\_\_

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

<sup>11</sup> *Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*