

## Part 2. **Exercises** for a Biblical Theology of Marriage (Session 1)

Here is your chance to consider your wedding vows. Write a sentence or two

### Part 1. Questions about Leaving our Family of Origin

1. In what ways do you still “cleave” to your parents (Gen 2:24)? How do these things need to change before you get married? (For example, are their ways that you still relying on your parents for financial provision? How should that change? Or do you still rely on them primarily for advice? How would that change in marriage?)

to have one to help from this day forward.

2. Who in your extended family is going to struggle with your transition into marriage? What issues might arise as you get married? Will one of your parents, siblings, grandparents, etc. have a hard time adjusting? What adjustments need to be made? (For example, is there a strong-willed father or mother or sibling who will cling to you? Demand your time? Tell you what to do in marriage? Try to turn to you for help? Expect you to be heavily involved in their life?)

3. After you get married, what are your expectations for your relationship with your in-laws? What are your fiancé’s expectations?

(the man’s vow) to lead, love, and to cherish,

(the woman’s vow) to love, cherish, and to obey.

4. After you get married, what are your expectations for your relationship with your parents? What are your fiancé’s expectations?

till death us do part,

5. What rules, traditions, events, or other things are important to your family? How do you and your fiancé plan to be (or not to be) involved in these things?

according to his holy ordinance,

and I do hereby pledge you myself