



Week Seven

*Leaving a Marriage
Legacy:
Writing a Marriage*

Manifesto



Writing a Marriage Manifesto



Welcome to Week 7! This week we will be discussing leaving a marriage legacy and how to write a marriage manifesto.

God instructed His people to leave an inheritance to their children. (Numbers 34:14, Proverbs 13:22). Not only are we called to leave a physical inheritance, but we can pass down a lasting legacy of faith to the next generation.

Leaving a legacy of strong, healthy marriages for our children to witness is a powerful testimony of God's faithfulness in our lives.

One of the ways we can leave that lasting legacy is through declaring our commitment to our spouses in the form of vows, or a marriage manifesto.

Do you remember the vows you recited on your wedding day? Many couples decide to write their own marriage vows or choose to recite vows that have been previously written. A marriage vow, or manifesto, is a written declaration of the commitment each couple promises to hold and keep as a marriage covenant.

A covenant is a binding agreement and commitment between God and humanity to do or not do something. Because God is almighty with all power in His hands, He always keeps His covenant with His people. He is not a man that He should lie (Numbers 23:19). Whatever He said He will do, it will be done!

When we enter into a marriage covenant and declare our vows to our spouses, we are following the Lord's example. In marriage we are declaring our faithfulness to love one another for the remainder of our lives.

These vows are beautifully recited on the wedding day--but then are sometimes forgotten over the years as couples weather difficult storms and face challenges in life. A marriage manifesto is a great way to revive those former marriage vows and to keep them in the forefront of our minds and hearts.

A marriage manifesto can include the following:

- Your beliefs and values
- A written declaration of your unconditional love and commitment to your spouse
- A written prayer to God for strength and guidance as you journey in marriage together
- A Scripture that is meaningful to each of you



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After you have written your marriage manifesto, read it aloud to your spouse on your next date night or before your next prayer time. You can even read your manifesto at your next family gathering or celebration where other family members will be present. This is a wonderful way to publicly express your love, devotion and commitment to your spouse. What a powerful opportunity to pass down your marriage legacy!