



A Clear Vision of Marriage - Session 2 of 2

Crafting Your Mission Statement

Before crafting your marriage mission / purpose statement, consider these prompts and discuss at length with your spouse. Consider each in light of God's Design for marriage and the covenant agreement entered into with God and one another through your marriage.

- 1) What is the vision of marriage we desire when beginning with the end in mind? What will others remember about our marriage years from now?
- 2) What would I like my spouse to say about me ... about our marriage ... about the kind of love he/she receives from me ... if he/she is asked?
- 3) How would I like us to describe our marriage to others?
- 4) What values drive the decisions, priorities, and behaviors within our marriage? Do we currently exhibit these values in a consistent way? Are there some we would aspire to as being less consistent today?
- 5) What are some general and specific things we most want to avoid in our marriage?
- 6) What parts of our marriage are the strongest, or healthiest, right now? How do we leverage these strengths to flourish in other areas?
- 7) What does my spouse get out of our marriage? What do I get out of our marriage? What do we want to get out of marriage?

Now, begin crafting a mission statement together, stressing substance over formalities or format. Revisit that statement on a regular basis; an anniversary, each new year, a special date intentioned to consider the health of your marriage against the desire you have for your marriage as outlined in your purpose statement. Pray over your mission statement. Celebrate your spouse as the gift from God, brought into a covenant relationship with you so that as one you might grow in holiness, minister to each other and the world as your mission, and flourish in the grace, joy, peace, and promise of eternal glory as promised by the Gifter.