

## SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON 9: COMMITMENT

*“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”<sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.<sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. - Ephesians 5:31-33*

### TRUE COMMITMENT IS ROOTED IN DIVINE \_\_\_\_\_.

- God’s love for us is rooted in who He is, not who we are. (Psalm 117)
- Therefore, our love for our spouse is not to be rooted in who our spouse is (nor in who we are), but in who God is.

### THE MARRIAGE COVENANT COMMITMENT

The marriage covenant is designed by God to be a lifelong fruitful relationship between a man and a woman. Marriage is a public vow to God and to one another to remain steadfast in unconditional love, reconciliation and sexual purity, while purposefully growing in the covenant marriage relationship.

#### Commitment is bigger, stronger and better than:

Commitment > \_\_\_\_\_

Commitment > \_\_\_\_\_ seasons

Commitment > \_\_\_\_\_

Commitment > Personal \_\_\_\_\_

**Commitment doesn’t just apply to the highs & lows of marriage. It must exist in the \_\_\_\_\_, everyday ways we demonstrate love.**

#### Three Practical Ways to be Committed

1. Protect your marriage through self-control (Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 7:1-5).
2. Pursue your spouse in all seasons (Song of Solomon 8:6-7; 1 Corinthians 13:5).
3. Focus on the shared goal of knowing Jesus (Ephesians 5:25-27).