

## **Save the Date**

### **Part One - Defending the Date**

**Marriage is under attack. We must work diligently to save the date!**

#### **Malachi 2:13-16**

Another thing you do: You flood the Lord's altar with tears. You weep and wail because he no longer looks with favor on your offerings or accepts them with pleasure from your hands. 14 You ask, "Why?" It is because the Lord is the witness between you and the wife of your youth. You have been unfaithful to her, though she is your partner, the wife of your marriage covenant. 15 Has not the one God made you? You belong to him in body and spirit. And what does the one God seek? Godly offspring. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful to the wife of your youth. 16 "The man who hates and divorces his wife," says the Lord, the God of Israel, "does violence to the one he should protect," says the Lord Almighty. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful.

#### **How to Save the Date**

##### **1. Processional - Prioritize one another.**

#### **Matthew 6:33**

But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

##### **2. The Vows - Live them.**

#### **1 Peter 3:7**

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

##### **3. Exchange Rings - Invest in your marriage.**

#### **Luke 12:34**

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

##### **4. Communion – Communicate.**

#### **James 1:19**

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry...

##### **5. The Honeymoon - Be intimate.**

#### **Proverbs 5:15-20**

Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well. 16 Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares? 17 Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers. 18 May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. 19 A loving doe, a graceful deer -may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love. 20 Why be captivated, my son, by an adulteress? Why embrace the bosom of another man's wife?

### **1 Corinthians 7:2-5**

...each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband. 3 The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. 4 The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife. 5 Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

**As we recapture these aspects of our wedding day, we can save the date!**

### **Revelation 2:4**

"But I have this complaint against you. You don't love me or each other as you did at first!"