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PART 1

THE VOW THAT BINDS

Marriage is a very controversial affair these days.

Because so many fail, many simply shrug it off, stating that it is unnecessary. “It is only a piece of paper,” I’ve heard some say. Legally, that may be so. In today’s world marriage is like a contract, a business agreement to which, if one party breaks it, the other party has the right to contest it, take it to court, and dissolve the relationship.

The marriage affair is done differently in various nations around the world. Our way, standing in front of a minister or other legally designated official, isn’t the only way it can be done. In Biblical times, when the day came for the marriage, a huge party took place celebrating the union of the couple. Dowries were exchanged, along with other marriage promises, and the whole thing culminated in the couple entering a tent and consummating the union. It was then considered legal and binding in the eyes of all those who witnessed the bond between the man and woman.

Today we have twisted marriages. What I mean is that, according to the Bible, marriage is between a man and a woman – a husband and a wife. Today we have men supposedly marrying men and women supposedly marrying women. It wouldn’t surprise

me to hear of a man marrying a dog or cat in the future. I know this is not the accepted norm of today. We are supposed to accept their love and embrace it just the way we do a marriage between a man and woman. But it is not right in light of the Bible, and any who oppose this stand in the wrong.

But enough of that. The next few chapters will address the marriage situation and assume a union of a man and a woman.

In the very first book of the Bible – Genesis – we read of the first marriage union officiated by none other than God Himself. Genesis 2:18-24 says, “And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” Out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name. So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

Okay, I know that this is not what people of today want to hear. They want to inform us that this way of thinking is old fashioned, outdated and biased. I agree. It is by today's standards. But today's standards are wrong. We have so many things going on that prove that too. For instance, if we adhered to the Biblical way of marriage, we would eliminate most if not all, sexually transmitted diseases. Why? Because sex would be

reserved for marriage only. If the man and woman sincerely completed their roles and stuck to the vows made to each other, there would be literally billions of dollars saved in divorce. Children would not be born out of wedlock thus eliminating a great need for adoption (though children left after the death of parents would still have that need). There would be no debate regarding abortion because the only babies born would be to married couples. People would be happier, healthier and safer.

Now I realize there are always exceptions to these things. But if marriage is done in the way God intended, and practiced in the way that reflects Jesus Christ, most situations would be resolved.

I could go on and on about this. I know some reading this will be angry at me. That's okay because I'm just repeating the word of God. I suppose the much larger questions are found in the marriage situation itself. How do we make it work? How do two people, of the opposite sex (because we know men and women don't think the same way) agree and stay together? Volumes have been written on this subject. Many are very good. But there is a simple solution to most marriage problems. Yep, it is found in the Bible. Here is what Paul had to say about the matter in Ephesians 5, "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as

the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.” (Ephesians 5:22-32).

There is a lot said in these verses. But for the sake of our topic today, let’s look at what stands out. First of all, the wife is told to respect her husband. Many stop at that and simply point to their wife and say, “See, I told you so.” But that isn’t the end of it. Paul also wrote that the husband is to love his wife just as much as Jesus Christ loves the Church and gave Himself for it. What did Jesus do for the Church? He allowed Himself to be crucified and die in the cruelest of executions. He did this for the Church He was building and loved so much.

The reasoning is this, if we as men and husbands love our wives like Jesus Christ loves the Church, then we are going to look out for her disregarding ourselves. We are going to protect her. We are going to be kind to her. We are going to look to her needs above our own. I tell you this, that if men would step up and do this, 99% of the wives would submit without a blink of the eye. They would do it instinctively. Yes, there are always exceptions, but I guarantee that if we as men would do this those exceptions would be extremely few.

The vow that binds is one that, when taken as God intended, binds in such a way that the couple doesn’t even know it. Marriage isn’t a slave master. It isn’t, as has been jokingly referred to as “the ole’ ball and chain.” Nope. Not at all. Marriage is one of the most beautiful things God ever devised when done the way He intended.

Men, it is our responsibility first. We have the greater job in keeping the marriage together. Then, ladies, your job really isn't any easier, but it is more readily received when the husband does what he is supposed to do.

What do you say Christian men? Can we be the example for the rest of the world? Are we willing to step up and make marriage work? We can. I choose to do it.

PART 2

ROLE CALL

We continue our discussion on marriage with the subject of the roles of men and women. I hear the guy down in the back saying, “That’s easy. The man is to work and bring home the money to help with the household and the wife works and then does everything else!” In some households of today, it may seem that way. Then there are those ladies whom I hear saying, “Men are basically weak, stupid and lazy. That’s why we have to do everything. I can do anything my man can do and do it better.” Both of these responses are extreme and frankly, not true. There are all kinds of gray opinions in between so which are true?

When it comes to housework, I found out the hard way that it isn’t always “woman’s work.” My late wife, Debbie and I hadn’t been married very long when I made this discovery. It was a Saturday morning and I was intently watching TV. Deb was housecleaning and, even though for the life of me I couldn’t figure out why, I could sense that she was growing angrier by the minute. When it came time to vacuum the living room floor, when she brought the vacuum cleaner over to vacuum in front of the couch, I dutifully did what I had seen my own father do many times; I lifted my legs so she could get under them. That’s when I discovered what was making her angry. She open fired with both barrels

letting me know that she worked just as hard as I did and that cleaning the house wasn't reserved for her Saturday morning pleasure.

At first, I didn't understand because all my life I had grown up with the belief that housecleaning was the woman's job, along with washing dishes, cooking and keeping up the house. The man did the outside work, like mowing the grass and such. Now, I am not going to judge my mother and father, God rest their souls, for they are both now in eternity. Whatever their arrangement was, it was their business. But it was now time to establish our own arrangement and my wife let me know in no uncertain terms that she wasn't going to fall for working in a factory as hard as I did and then having to spend her weekend cooking and cleaning while I watched TV and did whatever I wanted to do. After hard consideration, I realized she was absolutely right.

So what does the Bible have to say about the roles of men and women? Not what you might think. We do have the example of a virtuous woman in Proverbs 31. These are all very good qualities of a wife and mother but it doesn't excuse the husband from doing his part.

In the New Testament a study of 1 Corinthians 7, Titus 2, and 1 Peter 3 will reveal a bit more than what we may have thought and want to know. These chapters all describe the Biblical relationship of husband and wife, and it never addresses household chores but rather throws the greater responsibility for the family on the husband. He is the one who takes leadership in the family, not just fulfilling the role of a dope who has no idea of what is going on with the kids, or the household budget. Just because he is responsible for the family doesn't excuse him from the physical duties of cooking, cleaning and yes, even taking out the trash.

If anything, men, we are to be the examples for our sons and daughters, reflecting what a true family relationship is to be like. God always, ALWAYS, puts the greater responsibility on the household head, and men, if you want to be the head then frankly, we must quit acting like the tail!

Our roles are not defined by housework or the lack thereof, but by things like strength in character, the desire and ability to listen to our wives and our children, and be there to help them with life's tough decisions. We are to make our decisions, not for our own benefit, but first for God, then for our wives, and then for our children. After that we can make them for ourselves, but God and family always come first. We don't make family decisions based on just what we want. That is selfish and that is irresponsible. If we want our families to respect us as head of the house then we must lead our families like a true leader will, not selfishly but responsibly.

I'm sorry that I have to be so hard on the guys, because, well, I'm one of you! But I am also responsible for the Word of God and the truth, and the truth is, that if we will lead our families like God outlines in the Bible, and become the Godly example we are meant to be, then our families will have little difficulty in following our leadership. It isn't hard to follow a good leader. But it is like working for a slave owner to have leadership from a man who only wants what's good for him.

Men, let's take our leadership and being head of the household seriously. Let's grab this thing by the reigns and lead like a team of horses pulling a wagon. We lead by example. We lead by showing them what hard work is like. We lead by being out front and making sure the way is safe in life for them. We go first into the dark. We are in front as we walk into the unknown. That's our role. You know what? When we are fulfilling our role in

Christ and as God intended, our families will have very little problems in following in their roles.

PART 3

THE PEACE TREATY

Have you ever heard, or said, these words – “I love you but I don’t like you very much!”? I’ve never heard these words with Rose, but my deceased wife, Deb, said them to me often. I suppose I said them back in my defense a few times too. The first time I heard them, I was confused and hurt. But as I thought about it, I realized that it is indeed possible to love someone but not really like them. Unfortunately, many marriages are like that, and tragically end in separation and divorce.

Over the years, I’ve performed many weddings. Some were simple “back porch” ceremonies, and some were elaborate celebrations. I dreaded some of those occasions where thousands of dollars were spent, only for the marriage to end tragically. It makes me wonder if weddings shouldn’t be kept simple, the couple celebrate with an inexpensive weekend and save the thousands for marriage counseling later on.

I did a wedding for a couple who had lived together for years. The day came when they decided to “tie the knot” and they had a beautiful ceremony and spent thousands on the reception afterwards. Then they were off to a very expensive honeymoon for a week. Even though they had been together for years, once

they made the formal commitment, their marriage ended only a few months later. Very sad.

The Bible says, “For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation.” (Ephesians 2:14). In its proper context, this verse is speaking of the Gentiles and the Jews, specifically in the Christian community. Paul is saying that Christ has abolished the wall that separated the Jew from the Gentile. God had instituted this division to show that the Jews had been set apart as a chosen people, who were to show the world how to be holy enough to deserve the title of “Chosen People.” But they failed miserably. Not one nation or individual, besides Jesus Christ, has been holy enough to deserve that title.

Christ came to break down the wall that had so long separated the Jews from the rest of the world. In Him, they were now made one – the Church and the Jews. As we have pointed out before, the Church is grafted in to the family tree of Judaism, making both the Church and Israel to be God’s Chosen.

But I believe this verse also aptly describes the relationship between husband and wife. He becomes our peace. He has made two into one, and He has broken down the wall that separates the two.

You see, loving your mate is never the issue. Think about the beginning of that relationship. Two, a man and woman, fell in love. When they were apart, they longed to be together. It was such a pleasure to go on dates or just to sit on the couch with your arm around that special lady as the two watched a good movie.

But once that knot was tied, and they were together all the time, things changed. They begin to take each other for granted. They may even wonder, “what possessed me to fall in love with

this person? Sure they are good to look at. Our physical relationship is great. But I just can't stand their habits and daily rituals."

That's where the peace treaty comes in. People can be hard to get along with. We come in all sorts of flavors of selfishness, especially in the good ole' USA. Once we are thrown together in the marriage, those flavors begin to clash. Resentment builds up until one day it explodes into a full-blown argument. Where did the love go?

It's still there. Deep down inside, hiding behind your heart. What made you fall in love with your husband or wife doesn't just fly away once the honeymoon is over. It remains. Only, we allow our own selfishness to come in front of it and it hides away.

That peace treaty isn't on a piece of paper. Paper yellows over time. It can become brittle and crumble away. But the peace treaty of the heart never spoils, never tarnishes and never crumbles away.

Yet, it isn't automatic. Because we are faulty people, our first tendency is to be angry or hurt at our spouse. That seems to be automatic. But when we are willing to put forth the work and the effort to make the marriage work with no other alternative – Till Death Do Us Part – then we stop looking for easy ways out. We begin to see that love takes effort. We find out that we can't just live on love. There has to be commitment. There has to be the conscious decision that, despite what may offend me, no matter how much I despise his or her habits, I love this person and want to be with them for the rest of my life. When we determine that, then we must begin to accept what we can, and pray about what we can't.

We become the living example to our spouse. We live out what we expect back. When we do, in most cases, what we live out will begin to rub off on our spouse and perhaps, just perhaps – they may rub off on us. We have all heard the cliché that marriage is give and take. But it is so much more than that. It is loving despite what we may or may not like about this person. It is smiling inside when we want to be frustrated at those little annoying habits. We pray about it and let God teach us that those things aren't really as important as getting along with our mate.

The peace treaty begins in us. It starts with me, not her, or me not him. When we determine it inside ourselves, then it will spill over in our words, our actions, and our expression of our love towards the other person. If both parties are seeking God about it, God will make it work. But it takes a sacrifice in me first. We have to start somewhere, right? Might as well be in my heart first. And that is the signature on the peace treaty. When we determine that we are going to do our part first, in most cases, it will pave the way for our spouse to sign it too.

PART 4

MONEY AND MARRIAGE

Money is often the most notorious cause of divorce.

Finances in a marriage cause more fights than anything else. I know how it can be. In our world of today, it often takes income from both the husband and the wife to make ends meet. I have been in the situation where you had to make the decision of which bill is going to be late this month, and so you try to choose the one with the least penalty.

While I am convinced that the best plan for a family is to be debt free, if you are going to own a home, have at least one car in decent running condition, pay the monthly bills and put food on the table, the average family is going to carry debt. With houses costing anywhere from \$100,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 who has that kind of money just collecting dust in a bank account? Most of us don't. I am fast approaching the age of 72, and while we have finally accomplished being debt free, it has taken most of my life.

Although the Bible doesn't directly address finances in the family unit, it does have a lot to say about finances. When we follow the Biblical plan for finances it will spill over into the family and allow us to have peace between the spouses regarding it.

1 Timothy 6:6-10 says this, “Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.” Contentment is something that we, as Americans who have been so richly blessed, that even our poor are rich in comparison with so many others in this world, fail to accomplish. As the passage says, we want to accumulate so much, and, while that in itself is not wrong, it is certain that we can’t take a single penny with us when we leave this planet.

So many misquote this passage, stating that money is evil. That isn’t what Paul wrote. He said that the love or lust for money causes all kinds of evil. No truer words were ever spoken. Take wealth and things out of the equation and most crime resolves itself. It is the desire and the lust for more and more and more that becomes the root of evil.

It is the same in the marriage relationship. It must be established that the finances don’t belong to either the husband or the wife. They are equally divided, both the obligations and the income. As men, we aren’t to withhold from our spouse. As the woman we aren’t to foolishly and lavishly spend it faster than it comes in. It goes without saying that this rule goes for both. Wives, you aren’t to withhold either and men you aren’t to foolishly and lavishly waste it either.

Credit cards can make life a bit easier. But credit card debt and especially having multiple cards maxed out, can be financial suicide. Using the card instead of cash can be very handy. But we must not spend more than we make unless it is absolutely

necessary. Once you have it paid off, if at all possible, only use it up to what you can pay off at the end of the billing cycle. That will keep your debt under control and save you thousands in interest charges. It will also keep peace in the family.

God has an order for finances that just plain works. We are to put Him first. After all, He gave it to us. I hear someone saying, “Not so. I worked hard and earned it.” Yes, you did, but it was God who supplied you your job and gave you the physical strength and knowledge to do it. So regardless, He is our source.

Putting Him first in our finances doesn’t just mean that you give 10% of everything you make. Many will disagree with this and that is their prerogative to do so, but the tithe is an Old Testament institution to provide for the Levites who were not given an inheritance of land like the other tribes that were in Israel. They devoted their lives to temple service. It also provided a storage of food for the poor. While we aren’t under the tithe obligation like Israel was in the Old Testament, we are still asked by God to be generous. That doesn’t mean that it has to go to a church or a preacher. It does mean that we should seek God first as to what we are to give, and then where to give it. He wants us to provide for those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We are to give as God directs us, both in what to give and in where to give.

When we are obedient to God in giving, He will give back to us. It is not always in more money, though you can’t outgive God, but often it will be in providing what we need (not what we want). Put God first, then your family second, and then, to the main “bread winner” of the family (be it husband or wife), pleasure and what we want.

When we put our finances in proper order for the family, it is amazing how well it goes between spouses. Yes, God is concerned with every part of our lives, even our finances.

PART 5

A QUIVER FULL

Marriage isn't quite complete without one thing -

KIDS! Aren't they special? Well, aren't they? Of course they are. But they can be a handful. Children require the art of parenting. That means understanding, love, care, money, and discipline. Some may think having kids is God's way of getting even for what they did during their own childhood. But rest assured, that is not the case. While they may try your patience at times, they are gifts from God.

The Bible has a lot to say about children. The passage that lets us know that children are a blessing is found in Psalm 127:3-5. It says, "Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate."

There are lots of things we can look at, such as Ephesians 6 which tells children to honor their parents, reminding them that doing so is the first commandment that has a promise associated with it. It says that if they do, it will help them to be well and live long on the Earth. (Ephesians 6:1-3). Verse 4 tells fathers to not

provoke their children to anger but instead to train them up to know the Lord. These are all good things but the passage in Psalm 127 fascinated me. Even though I have read it many times, the words hit me hard for the first time as I read them for this chapter.

Think about it. Why did God inspire the writer to compare children to arrows? That sounds like He is weaponizing children. First of all, verse 3 tells us that children are a heritage (or inheritance) from the LORD. Could it be that God knows how many children He has assigned to us and that it really isn't our decision? I know mankind has a hand in pro-creation. But God is also omniscient – He knows everything even before it happens. He exists eternally in the past present and future. Therefore, He knows what is coming to each of us and that includes foresight as to how many children we will have. Some may tell us that this is why birth control is wrong, while others say that it is perfectly okay. Frankly, the Bible is silent on that subject which tells me that God has left that choice up to us.

In Biblical times and even up until the 1950's, large families were a plus, especially to those in the farming community. That's why most school years end shortly after Memorial Day and begin after Labor Day – Farmers needed their children home the most during planting season and harvesting season. Of course, in today's school world, the year begins mid-August. We would have had a fit back when I was in school! Large families meant more free farm hands.

The passage also states that “the fruit of the womb is a reward.” That tells us that God is blessing us when we have children. I remind us of this because when they are growing up, it doesn't seem like much of a blessing at times. As precious as a baby is, when it is screaming at 1:00 am we have to constantly remind ourselves that loud things do come in small packages. When little Johnny decides to remodel the living room walls with

his new water color kit, we have to take a deep breath to remember that he is a gift from God. When he turns 16 and wants to borrow the car, well, that's a tough one. We sometimes think that maybe God really does have a sense of humor.

So why the comparison to weapons, particularly arrows? First the passage says, "Like arrows in the hand of a warrior." In ancient times a handful of arrows meant that the warrior was well armed. Many children, especially sons, was a sign of success and wealth. The verse also says, "they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate." The gate was where the elders and leaders of the city met during the day. The passage is saying that the man with many children could hold his head high in front of the leadership of his city and could even hold his head high in the presence of his enemies.

Okay, so how do we apply this in today's world? Regardless if you have one child or ten, being a parent is part of God's plan in a marriage. How we handle parenthood speaks of our relationship with God. We can grumble and complain. We can be harsh and cruel with our children, or we can be weak and let them have whatever they want. These are the two extremes. In between lies choices which we must seek God about. We won't always make the right decision. We are going to make mistakes. But the in-between gives us opportunity to raise our children well.

It may seem like a lifetime while we are raising our kids. But in reality, they are grown before we know it. Don't you think it would be good if we could look back on those years knowing that we have done well?

Just remember that the day is coming when you will be transformed from mom and dad to grandma and grandpa? Now those are the fun years!

PART 6

'TILL DEATH DO US PART

“Man, will you take *woman* to be your wife, to always see her value and live with her according to God's Word and direction? Will you promise your loyalty to her, love, honor, comfort, and take care of her, in health and in sickness, in the good times as well as the bad, and be faithful to her and her only, as long as you both shall live?” Only in place of man insert the name of the husband in your marriage and in place of woman insert the name of the wife. These are the standard and accepted wedding vows in most weddings. The promise is that the couple will stay together as long as one or the other is alive. That’s a powerful promise, one which most couples today cannot keep. That’s unfortunate because staying with one’s mate until they die is a tragic but beautiful and wonderful experience. I know because I’ve lived it.

In 1979 I was wed to Debbie Akers. She became Debbie Ousley. Our “for better or worse” was severely tried. We had our fights, our ups and downs, but in the end we did stay together. Honestly, there were times it didn’t seem like it would be possible, but we did it anyway. In the end, after thirty-nine years of marriage, she died from cancer. I will always be glad that I was given the ability by God to stay, and that she did the

same. I was with her when she drew her last breath. I was privileged to “escort” her from this world and hand her over to God, so to speak. I would take nothing for that experience.

On June 12, 2021, I had the great pleasure of being married once again, this time to a wonderful lady, Rose Padgett. Like me she had experienced loss but not of one spouse but two. One to cancer, and the second to heart issues. We found each other and as of this writing have now been happily married for five years.

In this book we have established (I hope anyway) the reality, and bliss of a good marriage. As we have stated in previous chapters, a good portion of the success of marriage falls on the husband. We have the greater charge from God to “love our wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for her” (Ephesians 5:25). While this doesn’t relieve responsibility of the wife to do her part, it certainly makes her job easier when we, as husbands, do our part. We will fail at times. We are human, after all, and we make mistakes. But a man who is truly trying is a man who is committed to keeping his marriage intact.

Divorce is the easy way out. In today’s world, most live together to “try out” their relationship, which in no way is supported by the word of God. To be together as husband and wife is a commitment. As we have already covered, there are different traditions in different cultures, but the result is the same – A lifetime commitment.

There are a couple of legitimate reasons for divorce given in the New Testament of the Bible. First, Jesus said, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual

immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery." (Matthew 19:8-9). In other words, if one of the parties in the marriage is unfaithful and has extra-marital relations, then the spouse that was cheated on has the right to divorce his or her mate. The other is given by Paul who outlined in 1 Corinthians 7 that if a wife becomes a believer, or a husband, and their spouse refuses to be a believer, as long as the unbelieving spouse is willing to stay with them, then they should remain married. But if the unbelieving spouse decides that he or she wants nothing to do with Christianity, then if they leave, let them leave. Part of that statement is open to interpretation. For instance, if an abusive spouse continues their abuse, are they by definition really willing to be with their spouse? In most cases this applies to the wife, but in today's world there have been instances where it applied to the husband. That becomes a decision between that spouse and God.

But to divorce just because one or the other feels that they are no longer compatible is, frankly, wrong. To remarry in any other situation in a divorced relationship is wrong. However, if a spouse dies, then the other is free to remarry.

But back to the main of our subject. When we do our part and treat our spouse as God has instructed in His word, we should never have to worry about divorce. Men, if we are loving our wives as Christ loved the Church, giving Himself for her, we seldom have anything to be concerned about. Ladies, if you respond in true love to your husband who is doing his absolute best to treat you and love you like Christ loved the Church, then give him a break. He will fail sometimes. He will make mistakes. But if he is truly trying, give him a helping hand.

Doing this will result in a life of love, happiness, and growing old together sitting on that porch. Let me tell you, there is nothing like it.