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In Psalm 85:6 the psalmist cries out to God with a heart burdened for himself and for the people of God, "Wilt thou not **REVIVE US AGAIN: that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?**" Have you asked yourself whether or not America needs a revival, or if our churches need a revival? Do we personally need a revival? Do we need a Heaven sent **REVIVAL?**

**We need a revival when** we have lost our first love which is our sense of needing God.

**We need a revival when** earthly interest and occupations are more important than eternal interest and values.

**We need a revival when** we would rather watch TV and read secular books, and magazines than read the Bible and pray.

**We need a revival when** church dinners, socials, and music concerts are better attended than prayer meetings and preaching services.

**We need a revival when** we have little or no desire to pray.

**We need a revival when** our Christianity is joyless and passionless.

**We need a revival when** we have truth in our heads but are not practicing it in our lives. If we have time for sports, entertainment, and recreation but not for Bible study and prayer, we need a revival.

**We need a revival when** we do not tremble at the reading or preaching of the Word of God or seldom think thoughts of eternity.

**We need a revival when** God's people get together with other believers and the conversation is primarily about the news, weather, and sports rather than the Lord.

**We need a revival when** believers at odds with each other, do not feel compelled to pursue reconciliation.

**We need a revival when** Christian husbands and wives are not praying together and our marriages are coexisting rather than full of the love of Christ.

**We need a revival when** our children are growing up to adopt worldly values, secular philosophies and ungodly lifestyles.

**We need a revival when** we are more concerned about our children's education and their athletic activities, than about the condition of their souls.

**We need a revival when** known sin is not dealt with through the biblical process of discipline and restoration.

**We need a revival when** we tolerate the sins of gossip, critical spirits, bitterness and the lack of love.

**We need a revival when** we have ceased to weep, mourn and grieve over our sins and the sins of others.

**We need a revival when** we are bored with worship and people have to be entertained at church.

**We need a revival when** our giving is calculated rather than sacrificial.

Why not spend some time this week praying for revival in the following areas while thinking about the scripture listed with each.

**PRAY for REVIVAL in our NATION:** "O LORD, I have heard Thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, REVIVE Thy work in the midst of years, in the midst of years make known; in wrath remember mercy." Habakkuk 3:2

**PRAY for REVIVAL in our HOMES:** "Wilt thou not REVIVE us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" Psalm 86:6

**PRAY for REVIVAL in our CHURCHES:** "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; (2) To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary." Psalm 63:1-2

**PRAY for REVIVAL in our LIVES:** "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: (24) And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23-24

Revive us again, fill each heart with thy love;  
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.  
Hallelujah! Thine be the Glory; Revive us again.

**Maturity** is the ability to do a job whether supervised or not; finish it once started; carry money without spending it, and bear an injustice without wanting to get even. **Maturity** begins to grow when you can sense your concern for others outweighing your concern for yourself.

In *His* Amazing Grace,  
**Pastor David Miklas**

## Some thoughts on "Spiritual Numbness"

In Matthew 25:34-40 we read, "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: (35) For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: (36) Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. (37) Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? (38) When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? (39) Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? (40) And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The loss of feeling is a warning sign for athletes. Numbness usually arises from a lack of blood flow and causes a loss of sensation, especially in our extremities such as hands and feet. In a hard-hitting NFL game in November 2010, Philadelphia's kick returner Ellis Hobbs was tackled so hard he lost feeling in his body and was carted off the field. It was a career-ending injury. Cincinnati's Andy Dalton had a problem with his wrist following a rigorous tackle. "I just lost feeling," he said, "and could not grip the ball like I wanted to."

The loss of feeling is a warning sign to Christians too. When we lose our burden for the lost, our compassion for the poor, our concern for orphans around the world, or our excitement about the church... those are danger signs. Sometimes our affluence can make us insensitive to the needs of others. Sometimes busyness can do the same. Often the culprit is a backslidden heart. If we stay sensitive to the needs of the "*least of these*," we'll be doing the most for Him. Again in Matthew 25:40 we read, "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

**Death is just a change of address, but what you believe will determine what neighborhood you end up in.**

# "Where has the Commitment Gone?"

**INTRODUCTION:** Some years ago I read an article entitled, "The Seven Stages of the Married Cold." It revealed the reaction of a husband to his wife's cold during their first seven years of marriage.

**The first year:** "Sugar dumpling, I'm really worried about my baby girl. You've got a bad sniffle and there's no telling about these things with all this strep going around. I'm putting you in the hospital this afternoon for a general checkup and a good rest."

**The second year:** "Listen darling, I don't like the sound of that cough. I'll call Doc Miller and ask him to rush over here. Now you go to bed like a good girl, please? Just for papa."

**The third year:** "Maybe you'd better lie down, honey; nothing like a little rest when you feel lousy. I'll bring you something to eat. Have you got any canned soup?"

**The fourth year:** "Look dear, be sensible. After you've fed the kids, washed the dishes, and finished the floor, you'd better lie down."

**The fifth year:** "Why don't you take a couple of aspirins?"

**The sixth year:** "I wish you'd just gargle or something, instead of sitting around all evening barking like a seal!"

**The seventh year:** "For Pete's sake, stop sneezing! Are you trying to give me pneumonia?"

There you have the decline in marriage as seen through the common cold, a funny look at a not so funny reality. So what happens when a marriage starts to turn sour, men and women react in a variety of ways. Here is how some are responding:

**I'm getting out. I don't need to go through the torture any longer. Life is too short to have to keep enduring all this pain. I'd be happier if I just left, and so would she.**

**We've tried everything. Nothing seems to work. He just insists on having everything his own way, and by the way, so do I. It's hopeless. The only thing to do is bail out.**

**Look at how the divorce rate is. Everybody's getting a divorce, even prominent Christians. So why should I suffer through a bad marriage? There's no need for me to be the exception."**

Now, I want to give you a word that I believe will take the wind out of those **excuses** I just expressed. I am talking about a concept that says, "never back down, never quit, stay at it, regardless." I am speaking of "commitment."

In our permissive, irresponsible, escapist mentality, **commitment** is a forgotten word in our society. A **commitment** is a "Vow, a vow to do something promised." Marriage begins when two people, fully conscious and very much awake and aware, declare their vows to one another and before God. The marriage vow is said to be a permanent, life-time binding commitment until death.

Matthew 19:5-6, "And for this cause shall a man leave father and mother. and shall cleave to his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh. Wherefore, they are no more twain but one flesh. What, therefore, God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

I Corinthians 7:39, "The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will, only in the Lord."

The marriage vows may vary but for the most part they included, "...For better or for worse, For richer or for poorer, In sickness and in health, to have and to hold from this day forward until death do us part."

Did God hear those words, of course He heard them. Does God take those vowels seriously, hear for yourself from Ecclesiastes 5:4, "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools. Pay that which thou hast vowed." God not only heard them, but He also takes them seriously. He remembers them permanently, "A vow is a vow, pay what you vow."

**So, what's happening? Why so little commitment?**

**Why is the divorce rate skyrocketing?**

**Why are so many walking out in the best of times as well as in the worst of times?**

**Why are so many walking away from their commitment not only from marriage but also from church as well as from the Lord's work altogether?**

Now before I go on in this message let me say this. In my 45½ years as a Senior Pastor I have had to deal with all kinds of marriage situations both good and bad. I rejoice in those marriages which have endured and are rock solid. On the other hand there were those marriages even with marriage counseling which did not endure and ended in divorce. In this my heart breaks and aches for them and, in some cases, for the children who also were effected. So hear me out all the way to the end of this message.

To me there is nothing more defeating than the two words "I quit." So, why is there so little commitment? Perhaps there are more, but let me give you **FOUR** reasons that seem to be most often used.

**FIRST: Public Opinion** - Simply put, "Everyone is doing it."

**Everyone is getting a divorce, why not us?**

**Everyone is walking out, why not me?**

**Everyone is doing their own thing, why not me?**

**Everyone is having those extra secret affairs, why not me?**

It's the kind of "Don't sweat it" philosophy. Who cares who left who, and who is now married to who; it will all change shortly. The problem is our senses have become dull.

**We have accepted the unacceptable as the acceptable.**

**Guilt is now OUT, public opinion is now IN.**

**We tolerate the immoral as the moral.**

**We clothe the unrighteous with the garments of righteousness.**

This is nothing new. In Deuteronomy 6, God's people, the Hebrews, would soon be living in that pagan culture of Canaan where public opinion would be in conflict with their spiritual training. So God prepares them with a strong warning, in verses 10-15, not to be dulled and lulled to sleep by the heathen nations surrounding them.

**"And I stayed in the mount, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights; and the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also, and the LORD would not destroy thee. (11) And the LORD said unto me, Arise, take thy journey before the people, that they may go in and possess the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give unto them. (12) And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, (13) To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? (14) Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens is the LORD's thy God, the earth also, with all that therein is. (15) Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people, as it is this day."**

Public opinion which is usually in conflict with Biblical principles has a way of weakening our **COMMITMENT**.

**SECOND: Accommodating Theology** -

Simply put, **"I altar my theology instead of adjusting my life to God's truth."**  
Another way of saying it **"I change God's Word to fit my life style."**

No, my friend, God's Word is His blueprint for life and living. It's not for us to set it aside just because it doesn't fit into our plans. God does not accept your excuses or your means to get around what He has commanded. God expects **OBEDIENCE**. And from our **OBEDIENCE** He gives His blessing. We might laugh about it or joke about it or approve disobedience by giving our blessing to wrong, but not God.

Oh, to be sure there is a lot of people who are willing to give the Word of God a listening ear like those in Ezekiel 33:32, **"...For they hear thy words, but they do them not."** Down underneath, they really have no plans whatsoever to let biblical theology get in their way.

With great heart break over the years I have watched even Christian marriages dissolve because of **"accommodating theology."** Again, the couple very skillfully accommodated their theology so that the scriptures actually "approved" their plans to walk out of one marriage and walk into another marriage.

**Regardless of the counsel not to do so.**  
**Regardless of the scriptural injunctions not to do so.**  
**Regardless of the other mate's desire to work things out.**  
**Regardless of the damage that will be done to the children.**  
**Regardless of the shame that it will bring to the cause of Christ.**

**Accommodating theology** is Satan's tool to justify sin without guilt or personal shame.

**THIRD: Delayed Consequences** – A third reason we see less commitment and an increasing number of broken marriages is a very practical one, the couple gets away with it without divine judgment. Another way of saying it, **"So what, God is not going to do anything about it."**

Now if you are thinking that way let me remind you of the verse found in Ecclesiastes 8:11, **"Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil."** Let me repeat this truth in these words, **"Because God does not punish sinners instantly, people feel it is safe to do wrong."**

Listen to these old, recorded words yet still so painfully true, **"God does not pay at the end of every day, but at the end, He pays."**

Remember Romans 6:23, **"The wages of sin is death"...**  
Remember Hebrews 9:2, **"...It is appointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgment."**

Divorce, walking out or quitting may bring momentary relief, maybe even for days, weeks or months or for some years. But the Bible clearly teaches that **wrong** will not ultimately win out. God never smiles on disobedience, at the end, let it be understood, He pays.

**FOURTH: Christian Approval** - To me this is perhaps the most devastating of all the reasons so many believers are breaking the bond of marriage. It's devastating to hear Christians approve what God disapproves. Just recently someone said,

**"Divorce no big deal, it seems that God has now brought this new relationship together and we have the approval and blessing of pastors over it."** How devastating to the Holiness of God.

Remember how lax the Corinthian church was with the brother in their midst who was living in sin? Listen to the account again from I Corinthians 5:1-7.

"It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. (2) And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. (3) For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, (4) In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, (5) To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. (6) Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? (7) Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us..."

What was their problem? Rather than being ashamed, rather than applying church discipline, they boasted about their tolerance and they were proud of how broadminded they had become.

Up to this point, I have been more negative than positive. Now let's turn the negative to the positive. From I Corinthians 7 let me point out to you **FOUR** principles that encourage and enhance commitment. Let me pause to say that married or not these **FOUR** principles have a realistic ring to them in all of life.

**NUMBER 1. "No Conflict Is Unsolvable."** Ready for this? "Christian marriages have conflicts, but they are not beyond solution." May I repeat that lest you missed part of it the first time?

**Christian marriages have conflicts, but they are not beyond solution.  
Christians will have conflicts with other Christians, but they are not beyond solutions.  
Churches will have internal conflicts, but they too are not beyond solutions.**

Notice please I Corinthians 7:28, "**But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.**" Now when Paul wanted to spare us he was suggesting in verse 7 and 26 that some may not even marry. But this is not God's will for most of us. So, then, when we marry, we can be sure of this, "**TIMES OF DISAGREEMENT AND FLESHLY FLARE-UPS ARE BOUND TO HAPPEN.**"

Here is the bad news, but it's realistic. "**There is no such thing as a home completely without conflicts. Even though you are committed to your mate, there will still be times of tension, tears, struggle, disagreement, and impatience. Commitment doesn't erase our humanity!**"

The good news is this, "**with the Lord Jesus Christ living within you and with His Book, the Bible, waiting to be called upon for counsel and advice, no conflict is beyond solution.**"

Notice one more thing under this point found in verses 32-35.

**But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: (33) But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife. (34) There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. (35) And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.**

Talk about being realistic, if you are married, there is no such thing as giving the Lord your "**undivided devotion**" one hundred percent of the time. **Do you know why? Because you married a distraction!** You need to care for each other and that takes time and energy. And by the way, since there are differences of opinion at times, they do create conflict, but in the Lord and under the control of the Holy Spirit, none are un-soluble.

**NUMBER 2. “Persistence Pays Off.”** “Working through is harder than walking out, but it’s God’s way.” Notice please,

Verses 10-13, “**And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: (11) But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. (12) But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. (13) And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.**

Verses 24-27, “**Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God. (25) Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: yet I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful. (26) I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress, I say, that it is good for a man so to be. (27) Art thou bound unto a wife? Seek not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? Seek not a wife.”**

I believe the obvious underlying theme is “**Don’t quit, hang tough, stay at it, regardless.**”

During England’s darkest days in the late 1930s and the early 1940s while others were shouting “**Surrender!**” Sir Winston Churchill stood fast and often repeated his philosophy in six words, “**Wars are not won by evacuation.**” Folks, “**Surrendering is not an option if you plan to win the war, or succeed in marriage.**”

May I challenge you to remove several words literally from your vocabulary, as well as from your dictionary?,

- First remove the word "QUIT."**
- Second, remove the word, "COMPROMISE."**
- Third, remove the word "DIVORCE."**

Why is it best to work through rather than walk out? I believe we can come up with a number of reasons:

- 1. It is the continual counsel of scripture.**
- 2. The testimony of Christ before the unbelieving public is enhanced.**
- 3. Working through issues forces needed changes. To walk out means we take our same hang-ups into the next relationship.**
- 4. Children in the family remain more secure, stable, and balanced. Who will be the children's role models if mom and dad don't stick with it?**

There can be no denying it, “**Walking out may seem like the solution.**” There is a better answer to the problem, “**Work through it.**”

**NUMBER 3. “Commitment is laying down our rights.”** This simply means, “**Being committed to ones mate is not a matter of DEMANDING OUR RIGHTS BUT RELEASING OUR RIGHTS.**” Notice please verse 3-4,

“**Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.**”

There are a couple of words in those verses that stand out and pierce deeply.

**DUE-BENEVOLENCE** which means duty - **POWER** which means authority.

Selfishness within us hates terms like **duty and authority**. These are hurtful words, “**I've got my rights.**” “**Don't you think for a minute you are going to tie me down.**” No marriage will flourish under that kind of philosophy. But, you say, “**if I don't stand up for my rights, I'll be walked all over and who knows what will then happen to me.**” Well there is an answer for that found in I Peter 3:5-6, “**For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God,**

adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.” Sarah **OBEYED**, trusting in God to take care of her. Not only once but twice, Sarah obeyed as Abraham put her in a bad situation and through it God kept her safe.

God's way is to surrender your rights,  
Lay down your arms, stop fighting,  
Release your grip on the things you have been fighting for,  
Commit it all into the hands of God, and  
Trust Him to defend you and keep you from being "ripped off."

I say that to husbands just as much as I do to the wives. In Ephesians 5:22-29 we read,

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. (23) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. (24) Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. (25) Husbands, love *(Note this is the Love of God as found in John 3:16, the Calvary love of sacrifice.)* your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (26) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, (27) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (28) So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. (29) For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:”

**NUMBER 4. “Commitment Glorifies God.”** Here is the fourth principle, and perhaps the hardest for some to adjust to.

"The Christians ultimate goal in life is not to find happiness or to be happy, but to be holy, for when we are holy God will be glorified and we will have then found ultimate happiness."

Lest you didn't get a hold of that statement, let me repeat it and do so a little slower.

"The Christians ultimate goal in life is not to find happiness or to be happy, but to be holy, for when we are holy God will be glorified and we will have then found ultimate happiness."

Now if you meditate on that statement long enough and deeply enough, it will literally revolutionize your life. For those who question where I got that thought from, look again at I Corinthian 6:19-20,

“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”

Did you see those two significant thoughts?

First: "I am not my own."  
Second: "I am to glorify God."

Our ultimate goal, our highest calling in life is to glorify God, not to be happy. As we glorify Him, He sees to it that our needs, by the way, what He thinks is best for us, will be met.

There you have it folks, **COMMITMENT**.

It takes commitment on the job.	It takes commitment to serve the Lord.
It takes commitment to be a church member.	It takes commitment to be a real friend.
It takes commitment to be a parent.	It takes commitment in marriage.

Let me again sum up for you these 4 principles, here they are.

**Christian marriages do have conflicts, but they are not beyond solution.  
Working through is harder than walking out, but it's God's way.**

**Being committed to one's mate is not a matter of demanding one's rights, but releasing rights. Commitment, our ultimate goal in life, is not to be happy, but to glorify God.**

As we draw this message to a close, let me put some handles on all this to enable you to carry it with you.

**First:** As a Christian and as a Pastor, I would challenge you to a re-commitment, "**Be a committed Christian.**" Remember that well used verse Romans 12:1,

**"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."**

**Second:** If there has been a failure in life or in your marriage, May I encourage you to:

- Ask God for forgiveness.**
- Ask your mate for forgiveness.**
- Ask his or her parents for forgiveness.**
- Pray that God would change you, not them, but you.**

**Third:** If you are married to an unsaved or un-spiritual mate, may I encourage you to read and re-read as well as study I Peter 3:1-7. Then before the Lord commit yourself to be the wife or the husband God wants you to be. Again, make it your prayer that God would change you, not them, but you.

**"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; (2) While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. (3) Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; (4) But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. (5) For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: (6) Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. (7) Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."**

**Fourth:** For those of us who are married, remember "**a vow is a vow.**" Commitment is the **KEY**. Why not take the time to repeat the vows to each other, perhaps even in front of the children, helping them to realize how serious you are about your commitment to one another. Let me refresh your memory.

I \_\_\_\_\_ take you to be my wedded \_\_\_\_\_  
to love, honor, and keep you;  
taking you for richer, for poorer,  
for better, for worse,  
in sickness and in health  
to have and to hold from this time forth,  
until Jesus comes or until death do us part.

**Remember, Commitment is the key!**

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If God has spoken to your heart after reading the sermon, "**Where has the Commitment Gone?**" then right now talk to God about what He has spoken to you.

Do you have the assurance that one day you will go to heaven? If you have no assurance that you know Jesus Christ, then I trust you will decide to accept Him as your personal Savior. The Bible tells us in

Acts 16:31, "**...Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved...**"

Romans 10:13, **“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”**

This prayer is here for those who need to ask Jesus to be their personal Savior: **“I do want to go to Heaven. I know I am a sinner, and I do believe Jesus Christ died for me. I realize I cannot buy this great salvation, nor can I earn it. Knowing Jesus died on the cross and arose from the grave to pay my sin debt and to purchase my salvation, I do now trust Him as my Savior, and from this moment on I am completely depending on Him for my salvation.”**

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