## Groom

I will speak truth over you. I will sanctify and cleanse you, washing you with the water of the word. I will fight to see you presented to your Bridegroom Jesus as glorious – not having a stain or a wrinkle but holy and blameless. I will be captivated by your love alone. I will keep my marriage bed only for you. I vow that I will never divorce you even as we grow old.

I will see you as the gift and favor you are to me from the Lord. I will not be harsh with you. I will love you earnestly with the love that covers a multitude of transgressions. I will listen to you until I understand you. I will not take advantage of your submission! I will treat you with understanding showing you honor as a fellow heir of God's grace of life.

I will provide for you and take of you, just as Christ provides and takes care of His church. I will love, nourish, and cherish you. I will love you more than any other woman. You have found favor and grace in my eyes. I leave my father and my mother, I take hold of you and will be joined to you and we will become one flesh. With the Holy Spirit's help and continual transformation, I will give myself up for you just like Jesus gave Himself up for you and I will love you with the same love that Jesus has for you.

## Bride

Jonathan, you are mine and I am yours. I will love you deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. I desire to love you with the same love God loves you with. I will see to it that I respect you. As the church is subject to Christ, I will be subject to you in everything, submitting myself to you, as to the Lord, which is fitting in Him, in order to win you without words but with my chaste and respectful behavior. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ is the head of the church. Together we will be a clear and beautiful picture of this great mystery, which refers to Christ and the church, shining as a light in this dark world.

For though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. Wherever you go I will go. The Lord do so to me, and more also, if anything but death parts you and me. I commit to lead a righteous and blameless life with you so our children will be blessed. I commit to be a wife of noble character, which is worth far more than rubies. My adornment will not be merely external, but I will let it be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. In the former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves in this manner, being submissive to their own husbands, just as Sarah obeyed Abraham. We will become her children if we do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

I will honor marriage and keep the marriage bed pure and only for you. I will keep my life free from the love of money and be content with what I have. I say with confidence, The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? I do not have the sole right to my body for it belongs to you as well. I will not deprive you except by mutual consent for a time so we may devote ourselves to prayer.

I will not divorce you nor separate myself from you. What therefore God has joined together let no man separate even as we grow old. God made us male and female, and I am bone of your bones, and flesh of your flesh. I am called 'woman' for I was taken out of man. From this day forward I will be joined to you and we shall no longer be two, but one flesh. I promise to be there for you when you need me most. When you are not within my sight, you will be in my heart, I will share in your dreams, delight in your joys. I will comfort you in your sorrows. I will be your confidant, your counsel, your friend and your lover. And before God I declare, I love you completely as I did yesterday and as I will tomorrow and until death us do part or Jesus returns.