

**SERIES: BRIDGE BUILDING part 3**  
**Building Bridges in My Marriage**  
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**COMMITMENTS TO BRIDGE-BUILDING IN MY MARRIAGE:**

- **COMMITMENT TO A LONG-TERM GROWING MARRIAGE**

**Matthew 19:4-6 (TLB)** "...At the beginning God created man and woman, and that a man should leave his father and mother, and be forever united to his wife. The two shall become one—no longer two, but one! And no man may divorce what God has joined together."

**2 Timothy 4:4 (NLT)** "Since everything God created is good we should not reject any of it. We should receive it gladly with thankful hearts."

- **COMMITMENT TO SERVE MY SPOUSE**

**Romans 12:10 (MSG)** "...Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle."

**Philippians 2:2,4 (PH)** "...Live together in love as though you had only one mind and spirit between you. Look to each other's interest, not merely your own."

**Romans 13:8 (TLB)** "Pay all your debts, except the debt of love for others. You can never finish paying that."

**2 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT)** "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. It's never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful and endures through every circumstance."

- **COMMITMENT TO BREAK ROUTINE**

**Ecclesiastes 9:9 (NIV)** "Enjoy life with your wife..."

**1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)** "...God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment."

**Matthew 11:19 (PH)** "...Jesus came enjoying life..."

- **COMMITMENT TO PUT GOD FIRST**

**1 John 1:7 (LB)** "But if we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ does, then we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from every sin."

**John 15:4-5 (LB)** "Take care to live in me, and let me live in you. For a branch can't produce fruit when severed from the vine. Nor can you be fruitful apart from me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in me and I in him shall produce a large crop of fruit. For apart from me you can't produce a thing."

**Galatians 5:22,23 (LB)** "When the Holy Spirit controls our lives, He will produce this kind of fruit in us; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control..."