

Southern Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

“Making Relationships Last”

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“Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, and penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope. – Maya Angelou

Relationship Bank Account	
Deposits	Withdrawals
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acts of kindness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inappropriate Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encouragement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not Listening
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forgetting Something

Amos 3:3 – “Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?”

Relationships are walking along a path. To walk together, there must be some agreement to do so and a determined destination for walking together. It is impossible to walk together without mutual consent and agreement.

Mark 10:7-9 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate.”

Romans 7:2 “²For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law of marriage.”

1 Cor 7:10-13 “¹⁰To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. ¹¹But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife.

¹²To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord): If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her. ¹³And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him.

1 Cor 7:39 “³⁹A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but he must belong to the Lord.”

Malachi 2:15-16 “¹⁵Has not the LORD made them one? In flesh and spirit they are his. And why one? Because he was seeking godly offspring. So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith with the wife of your youth.

¹⁶“I hate divorce,” says the LORD God of Israel, “and I hate a man’s covering himself with violence as well as with his garment,” says the LORD Almighty.

So guard yourself in your spirit, and do not break faith.”

MARRIAGE VISION STATEMENT:

STEP 1: Start your vision statement by writing all the positive, affirming words that describe your ideal of marriage. Use nouns, verbs, and adjectives.

STEP 2: Consolidate your words into sentences that inspire you, drive you, and cover your dreams as a couple.

STEP 3: Review your vision with your spouse and revise until both agree it describes your marriage's ideal picture.

STEP 4: Put it in an obvious place. Read it daily. Memorize it.

APPLICATION:

Do you have clear expectations in your most significant relationships? What could be done to make your vision or expectations clearer?

List three ways that you intentionally make the effort to deposit into your spouse or significant relationships.

Take the time to develop a vision for your marriage. Or take the time to determine where your significant relationships are going. _____

What have you learned from this study that you will implement in your life concerning relationships? _____

Notes:
