# God's Design for Covenant Love in Marriage



Explore how Scripture defines covenant love and build a spiritual foundation that honors God in your same-sex marriage.





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#### Introduction

**Marriage** is one of the most profound relationships designed by God. It reflects a sacred covenant — a deep, binding commitment that mirrors God's love for His people. Whether traditional or same–sex, every marriage can embody this divine principle when built on mutual respect, faith, and spiritual unity. *God's design for covenant love* centers on loyalty, sacrifice, grace, and the nurturing of a shared spiritual foundation.

Many may wonder how Scripture, written in various cultural contexts, relates to modern marriages, especially same–sex ones. While the Bible may not explicitly mention contemporary understandings of marriage, its timeless themes about covenant, love, faithfulness, and holiness provide profound insight. The call to love one another as Christ loved us (John 13:34) and to live in unity reflects the heart of God for all committed unions. The challenge and beauty lie in pursuing a love that honors God by walking in His truth and grace.

This seven-day study invites you to journey through Scriptures that define covenant love and explore practical ways to build your marriage on a spiritual foundation rooted in God's intentions. Together, we will reflect on biblical principles such as faithfulness, mutual grace, sacrificial love, and support that transcend culture and tradition. Each day offers devotional reflections, questions for deep contemplation, and prayer to align your hearts with God's love and purpose. No matter where you are on your journey, *God's Design for* 







Covenant Love in Marriage encourages hope, healing, and holiness — a partnership empowered by God's grace to reflect His glory.







## Day 1: Understanding Covenant Love









Day 1: 🗭 Understanding Covenant Love

#### Your Verse

Malachi 2:14 - "You ask, 'Why?' It is because the LORD is the witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless..."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Hosea 2:19 "I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion."
- Ephesians 5:25 "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her."







Day 1: 💕 Understanding Covenant Love

#### Devotional: Embracing the Sacred Covenant of Love

Covenant love goes beyond feelings — it is a sacred promise witnessed by God Himself. In Malachi, God speaks of faithfulness, emphasizing marriage as an enduring bond. This covenant is about being fully present and committed, reflecting God's unwavering loyalty to His people. For any marriage, including same–sex unions, understanding covenant love means embracing this divine promise with integrity and devotion.

Like Hosea's tender commitment and Christ's sacrificial love for the church, marriage calls for love that is both steadfast and self-giving. It's about choosing one another daily, even when challenges arise. When our love draws from God's example, it becomes a powerful witness of His enduring grace and faithfulness.

Today, reflect on how covenant love invites you into a deeper spiritual connection—not just as partners, but as companions on a shared journey with God at the center.







Day 1: 💋 Understanding Covenant Love

### Reflect and Apply

1.	What does covenant love mean to you personally and in your marriage?
2.	How can understanding God's faithfulness inspire your commitment to each other?
3.	In what ways have you seen sacrificial love at work in your relationship?







Day 1: 💞 Understanding Covenant Love

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe a time when you experienced God's faithfulness in your marriage.
2.	Write about the promises you want to uphold in your covenant love.
3.	List ways you can demonstrate daily commitment to your partner.







Day 1: 💕 Understanding Covenant Love

#### Prayer for Today

Lord, thank You for the gift of covenant love, a promise witnessed by You alone. Help us to remain faithful to each other, reflecting Your steadfast love in our marriage. Strengthen our hearts to love sacrificially, to uphold one another with grace, and to build a partnership that honors Your holy design. Guide us in walking this journey together with You at the center. In Jesus' name, amen.  $\bigwedge$ 















#### Your Verse

Ephesians 4:2-3 - "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Peter 3:7 "Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives..."
- Colossians 3:12–14 "Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience..."







# Devotional: Rooting Marriage in Humility and Kindness

**Mutual respect** is a cornerstone of a marriage rooted in God's design. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us that humility, gentleness, patience, and love create and sustain unity. These qualities build a foundation where differences are honored, and peace flourishes. In same–sex marriages, as in all relationships, cultivating mutual respect helps partners navigate life's challenges with grace and understanding.

1 Peter amplifies this call by encouraging considerate living — carefully embracing each other's needs and feelings. When we "clothe" ourselves with kindness and compassion, as Colossians advises, our relationships reflect the heart of Christ, who cherishes and restores with boundless love.

Consider today how practicing humility and gentleness can transform your marriage into a sanctuary of peace and acceptance.







### Reflect and Apply

	How do humility and gentleness shape your interactions with your partner?
2.	What areas of your marriage might need more patience and compassion?
3.	How can you actively work to maintain unity through respectful practices?







#### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Recall a situation where patience changed a conflict into peace.
2.	Write about ways to better show kindness in everyday moments.
3.	Identify ways you can listen more deeply to your partner's perspective.







#### **Prayer for Today**















#### Your Verse

John 15:13 – "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Philippians 2:3-4 "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves..."
- Romans 12:10 "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."







#### Devotional: Choosing Sacrifice to Mirror Christ's Love

Sacrificial love is the highest expression of covenant commitment. Jesus' words in John show us that laying down our lives — figuratively or literally — is the greatest act of love. This principle challenges us to put our partner's needs above our own, to serve and cherish selflessly.

Paul's letter to the Philippians reminds believers that humility and valuing others' needs over personal gain deepen the bonds of relationship. Romans urges devotion and honor toward one another, foundational for a marriage that reflects Christ.

In practical terms, sacrifice may look like choosing patience over pride, forgiveness over resentment, or support over convenience. This day invites you to consider areas where sacrificial love can transform your marriage and shine God's light brightly.







## Reflect and Apply

1.	What does sacrificial love look like in your daily marriage life?
2.	How can humility change your approach toward conflict or disagreement?
3.	In which moments might you need to honor your partner above yourself?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Describe a time when you sacrificed something for your partner's good.
2.	Write about ways you can practice humility more intentionally.
3.	List practical actions expressing devotion and honor in your relationship.







#### Prayer for Today















#### Your Verse

Colossians 3:13 – "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."
- Matthew 6:14 "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."







#### Devotional: Embracing Grace Through Forgiveness

**Forgiveness and grace** are essential to maintaining the sacred covenant of marriage. None of us are perfect; hurt and misunderstandings arise. Paul's exhortation to forgive as the Lord forgave us demonstrates the mercy that undergirds strong marriages.

Offering grace means letting go of offenses and choosing love despite imperfections. This attitude releases burdens and restores relational health. Jesus teaches that forgiveness is not optional but foundational to our relationship with God and each other.

In any marriage, the ongoing commitment to forgive and extend grace invites healing and deepens intimacy. Today, invite God's grace to soften hearts and renew your bond in love and forgiveness.







## Reflect and Apply

1. A	are there any grievances in your marriage that need forgiveness today?
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3. V	What are ways to cultivate a culture of grace in your relationship?
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### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on a moment when forgiveness restored peace in your marriage.
	Write about how God's grace has transformed your understanding of love.
	List concrete steps you can take to actively forgive and seek reconciliation.







#### Prayer for Today

Merciful God, thank You for forgiving us freely. Teach us to forgive in the same way, bearing with one another in patience and grace. Soften our hearts to release all offenses and embrace love that restores. Fill our marriage with Your peace and healing power today and always. Amen.







# Day 5: F Growing Together in Spiritual Unity









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#### Your Verse

Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 – "Two are better than one... If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
- Philippians 1:27 "Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ... standing firm in one spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel."







Day 5: F Growing Together in Spiritual Unity

# Devotional: Strengthening Marriage Through Shared Faith

**Spiritual unity** enriches and sustains marriage. Ecclesiastes highlights the strength found in partnership — supporting, lifting, and protecting one another. When your marriage is rooted in shared faith, you cultivate a dynamic relationship empowered by God's presence.

Jesus promises to be with those gathered in His name, reminding us that spiritual connection creates an unbreakable foundation. Philippians calls believers to live worthy of the gospel, united in spirit and purpose. As a couple, this means continually growing together — encouraging each other's faith, praying together, and serving God side by side.

Consider today the ways your spiritual unity can deepen through shared practices and commitment to God's mission in your life and marriage.







Day 5: 🍞 Growing Together in Spiritual Unity

### Reflect and Apply

	In what ways do you currently experience spiritual unity with your partner?
2.	How can praying or worshiping together help grow your relationship?
	What steps can you take to align your marriage more closely with God's purpose?







Day 5: 🍞 Growing Together in Spiritual Unity

#### **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a spiritual practice that has drawn you closer to your partner and God.
	Reflect on challenges you face in growing together spiritually and how to overcome them.
3.	List goals you want to pursue together to strengthen your faith journey.







Day 5: 🍞 Growing Together in Spiritual Unity

#### **Prayer for Today**

Lord, unite our hearts and minds in Your Spirit. Help us support and encourage each other as we grow together in faith. May Your presence be our cornerstone, guiding us to live worthy of Your calling as partners and disciples. Strengthen our spiritual bond and make us one in love and purpose. Amen. 📆 😂 🖤







# Day 6: Celebrating Love and Commitment









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#### Your Verse

Song of Solomon 8:6-7 - "Place me like a seal over your heart... Love is as strong as death; its jealousy unyielding as the grave."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- 1 Corinthians 13:4–7 "Love is patient, love is kind... It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."
- Proverbs 3:3 "Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart."







Day 6: Q Celebrating Love and Commitment

#### Devotional: Honoring the Beauty of Covenant Love

**Marriage** is a beautiful celebration of love and commitment. The Song of Solomon poetically describes love's power and intensity — a love that seals hearts in passionate, loyal devotion. This passage reminds us that love is both a gift and a choice, enduring through every season.

Paul's well-known description in 1 Corinthians paints love as patient, kind, forgiving, and persevering. It protects even when challenged and remains hopeful. Proverbs calls us to bind love and faithfulness tightly within us, holding them as treasured values.

Today, celebrate your love as a precious covenant, rooted deeply in God's design. Let these truths inspire gratitude, joy, and renewed commitment to one another.







Day 6: 煤 Celebrating Love and Commitment

## Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you personally experience the enduring qualities of love described in 1 Corinthians?
2.	What are ways to celebrate and nourish your marriage regularly?
3.	In what ways can you express faithfulness to strengthen your covenant today?







Day 6: 煤 Celebrating Love and Commitment

### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about special moments that affirmed your love and commitment.
2.	Reflect on how patience and kindness have played roles in your relationship.
3.	List creative ways to celebrate and nurture your marriage this week.







Day 6: Q Celebrating Love and Commitment

#### Prayer for Today

God of love, thank You for the gift of our covenant relationship. Help us to cherish each other with patience, kindness, and faithfulness. May our love be a vivid seal upon our hearts, reflecting Your enduring devotion. Renew our joy and strengthen our bond with every passing day. Amen.  $\mathfrak{P}$ 















#### Your Verse

Romans 12:9-10 - "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."
- James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above..."







#### Devotional: Committing to God's Purpose in Marriage

**Living out God's plan** for marriage involves sincerity, devotion, and honoring one another continually. Paul's letter to the Romans challenges us to a love that is genuine — rejecting evil and embracing the good together.

Carrying each other's burdens, as Galatians teaches, means sharing in joys and struggles alike, fulfilling Christ's law of love. Recognizing marriage as a precious gift from God, James reminds us to be grateful stewards of this blessing, nurturing it with faith and care.

As you complete this study, seek God's guidance on how to live intentionally in your unique calling as a couple. Embrace your marriage as a holy partnership designed to glorify God through love, service, and faithfulness.







### Reflect and Apply

1.	What does sincere love look like in your marriage's daily life?
2.	How can you intentionally support your partner through challenges?
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3.	In what ways can you honor God by honoring each other?







### **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Reflect on how God has gifted your marriage and your role within it.
2.	Write about practical ways to live devotion and honor in your relationship.
3.	Set goals for deepening your commitment to God and each other.







#### **Prayer for Today**

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of marriage and Your plan for our lives together. Help us to love sincerely, honor each other above ourselves, and carry each other's burdens with grace. Guide us to live out Your purpose, making our marriage a reflection of Your perfect love and goodness. Amen.









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