

# Choosing Covenant Over Counterfeit

Genesis 2:24–25 — “That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.”

Ephesians 5:31–32 — “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.”

Hebrews 13:4 — “Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage. God will surely judge people who are immoral and those who commit adultery.”

John 10:10 — “The enemy comes to steal, kill, and destroy.”

1 Corinthians 6:16–20 — Our bodies are sacred and designed for God-given love and covenant intimacy.

Jeremiah 6:16 — “Stand at the crossroads and look... ask for the ancient paths... walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”

## Core Truth:

“God created sex to honor marriage, marriage to protect intimacy, and families to pass that design to the next generation.”

## Marriage Foundations:

- Leave — Establish a new primary loyalty and spiritual leadership.
- Unite — Cleave together in covenant commitment.
- One Flesh — Physical, emotional, and spiritual unity.
- No Shame — Transparency, vulnerability, and trust within covenant.

## The Enemy’s Counterfeits:

- Pornography
- Sex outside of marriage
- Divorce

- Withholding
- Abuse
- Homosexuality

## **Choosing Covenant Over Counterfeit:**

- 1. Strengthen Your Guardrails
- 2. Tear Down Every Counterfeit
- 3. Honor God With Your Body and Invite Accountability
- Secrecy feeds counterfeits. Accountability strengthens covenant.