

# Pre-Marital Promise

Though it is not the intent of our church to convey judgementalism, as pastors, we have an obligation, to first honor God. Our highest responsibility and priority is to learn, practice, and then teach the principles of His Word and assist people in entering into God's loving desires for people just like yourselves. We are fully committed to the principle that obedience to God is of utmost importance in receiving a continual flow of His protection, provision, guidance and blessing. As you have pursued a Christian wedding, we assume that you likewise want a Christian marriage. Otherwise, any Justice of the Peace would do.

Therefore, because we as pastors desire the long-term success of your marriage, we have taken this stand. To the best of our abilities, we seek to live by these principles ourselves and then teach others to embrace a life of obedience to the One who loves us the most.

If as an unmarried couple, you desire a Heartland Vineyard pastor to perform your wedding, you are asking us to endorse, seal, as well as legalize your marriage relationship. This to us is a great responsibility, one that we do not take lightly.

Therefore, in order for our pastors to serve you in good faith and conscience, we are asking you to give us and God your promise that from now until your wedding day:

- You as an unmarried couple will abstain from premarital sex.
- You will cease from cohabitation (living together) if there are no children in your relationship.
- If there are children, you will cease from living as if you were married in your home by living in separate rooms and abstaining from sexual relations.

We know that to some, this may seem absurd. But we have chosen to stand on this ground. Our commitment to you requires a reciprocal commitment to us and to God. We have full confidence that your commitment to obedience will serve you well in the days to come.

## Our Promise

Having read the following, we understand the position the Heartland Vineyard has taken concerning pre-marital relationships.

We give our promise that we will fulfill the desires of our pastors, knowing that in fact it is the desire of our God.

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