

## Purity Covenant Talking Points

We want to talk about an obvious and awkward part of engagement – purity.

You are nearing a time when your moral relationship to sex is about to change.

Not unlike getting your driver's license – what once was wrong will soon be right.

To state the obvious, you're desire for one another should be increasing in powerful ways.

But this highlights a basic gospel principle the two of you will need to apply throughout your marriage:

- *Honor before pleasure*
- In this case, this principle is being applied to sex.
- Other examples of this principle would be:
  - Will you honor the agreed upon budget or give in to a budget-breaking impulse purchase?
  - Will you honor your spouse with humor or succumb to the temptation to make jokes at their expense?
- These kinds of choices will be made daily throughout your marriage.
- Purity in engagement is a time to establish a vital foundation for your marriage – **“We will be a couple who puts honor before pleasure.”**

As your mentor couple, we want to be a resource for you. If you do not have someone else with whom you can talk about honoring each other this way, we are available. If you and your fiancé are the only ones “holding each other accountable” then the person holding you accountable will be facing the same level of temptation you are.

A document like this is only as effective as you are honest.

Making this commitment “out loud” with another couple is important.

As a church, we to help you start your marriage well.

We ask that you take this covenant seriously, not by feeling guilty over temptation (which is a sign of your growing love), but by allowing Christians who love you (in this case, your marriage mentors) to encourage you as seek to honor God in the unique challenges in this season of engagement to put your marriage in the best position for flourish for lifetime.