



I Still Do

*A Better Life
with Your Better Half*

*Germantown Baptist Church
A Corporate Reading of Confession and Commitment*

Declaring the Word of God

Pastor	This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Congregation	". . . that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." (I Corinthians 15:3-4)
Everyone	Thanks be to God that Jesus "is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." (I John 2:2)
Pastor	This is the Power of the Gospel for Salvation
Congregation	"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)
Everyone	Thanks be to God that "He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him." (Hebrews 7:25)
Pastor	This is the Effect of the Gospel
Congregation	"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." (Galatians 2:20)
Everyone	Thanks be to God that everyone who "is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come." (2 Corinthians 5:17)
Pastor	This is the Practical Expression of the Gospel
Congregation	"Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;" (I Peter 1:27)
Everyone	Thanks be to God that "we love, because He first loved us." (I John 4:19)
Pastor	This is the Picture of the Gospel
Congregation	"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. (Ephesians 5:25-27)
Everyone	Thanks be to God that we can love "as Christ does His Church because we are members of His Body." (Ephesians 5:29-30)

Receiving the Grace of God

- Pastor We confess that at times we have acted selfishly in our marriage and/or our personal life and by so doing have presented a distorted picture of the love that Christ demonstrates toward us; we commit to re-enact the Gospel in our life by loving as Christ loved...sacrificially and unconditionally (Ephesians 5:25-27).
- Congregation Father, I confess this as sin. I repent of this sin. I ask for Your forgiveness.
- Pastor We confess that at times we have allowed conflict to unnecessarily harm relationships and impede our ability to live out the love of Christ through our marriage and relationships with others; we commit to pursuing peace by incorporating biblical convictions into our life (Romans 14:17).
- Congregation Father, I confess this as sin. I repent of this sin. I ask for Your forgiveness.
- Pastor We confess that at times we have allowed threats to our purity and fidelity in marriage a place in our life, and we recognize the destructiveness of these temptations to sexual sin; we commit to be conformed to God's Word, embrace Covenant faithfulness, commit to transparency, and invite accountability (Hosea 3:1-3).
- Congregation Father, I confess this as sin. I repent of this sin. I ask for Your forgiveness.
- Pastor We confess that we have at times experienced the accusation of the Enemy and have embraced his deception by dwelling on guilty thoughts of personal condemnation or have manipulated others by guilt; we commit to destroy this open door of access for the Enemy into our life by embracing the Truth of God's Word which distinguishes between that which is a gift of God—conviction by the Holy Spirit, as a means of His grace—and that which is designed by the Enemy for our destruction (Hebrews 4:12; Revelation 12:10-12).
- Congregation Father, I confess this as sin. I repent of this sin. I ask for Your forgiveness.
- Pastor We confess that we have at times been unwilling to extend to others the forgiveness that has been given to us through the grace of God in Christ Jesus; we commit to model the Gospel through our relationships by forgiving others as evidenced by relinquishing any and all penalty that we may have considered due (I John 1:9) and forgetting their offenses by no longer identifying them by them (Hebrews 8:12; Isaiah 1:18).
- Congregation Father, I confess this as sin. I repent of this sin. I ask for Your forgiveness.

Embracing the Will of God

- Pastor God designed marriage to be a covenantal relationship. In so doing He desires that marriage reflect Christ's relationship with His Church by being -
- Congregation A Sacrificial Covenant as it reflects the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Pastor An Intimate Covenant because He calls the "two to become one."
- Congregation A Lifelong Covenant because marriage involves the weaving together of two lives that have made a lifelong vow to each other.
- Pastor A Relational Covenant because it requires both leaving and cleaving.
- Congregation An Intentional and Voluntary Covenant because marriage is the result of choice.
- Pastor The Marriage Covenant is unique in composition because it is triangular in nature by involving a covenant between a man and a woman and both of them to God.
- Congregation The Marriage Covenant is unique in representation because it is the only covenant that God declared to be a picture of Christ's relationship with the Church.
- Pastor For those who are not married, the expectations for Gospel purity, Gospel relationships, and Gospel forgiveness are biblical doctrines that the Holy Spirit empowers to be convictionally lived out individually as well as within the bonds of Covenant Marriage.
- Congregation We embrace God's will for our lives and commit to honor Him in our marriage relationships as well as all other relationships so that the Gospel might be evident in both our conduct and our conversations for the glory of God alone.
- Pastor Amen!
- Congregation Amen!



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