

Marriage Life Plan Template

WHY DO THIS?

Creating a Marriage Life Plan is about intentionally aligning your marriage with God's purposes so that together you might live rooted in Christ and bear lasting fruit—not only for one another, but for others as well.

Marriages **never drift** into shared vision, purpose, mission, or healthy habits. God has brought the two of you together *on purpose and for a purpose* in this particular season, place, and calling. Your marriage is not only a covenant to enjoy privately, but a ministry through which God desires to display his love, truth, and grace to the world.

As a Christian married couple, you have a unique role in the grand story of the Kingdom. This plan is an invitation to prayerfully discern how to steward your marriage with intention, clarity, and faithfulness rather than simply reacting to circumstances.



THE VISION AND PURPOSE

Why does our marriage exist?

To glorify God and enjoy Him forever—together.

The first question of the Westminster Shorter Catechism asks:

Q. What is the chief end of man?

A. To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

This is also the foundation of Christian marriage.

God is most glorified when we find our deepest joy in Him. Experiencing joy in God is not optional — it is part of our purpose.

This is the vision of the Christian life and the vision of a Christian marriage will reflect this as two believers come together. As married couples we have chosen to covenant to do this with someone else. The vision being the same doesn't mean every marriage will look the same - it will be as creative and unique as God is! It will look unique to how God made each of you uniquely.

1 Corinthians 10:31

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

Reflection Questions:

How does seeing our marriage as a means of glorifying God reshape how we think about daily life together?

How does it reframe how we experience difficulty and challenges in life together?

In what ways do we experience joy with God together?



THE MISSION

How will we live out this vision in our current season of marriage?

The vision never changes, but the mission may adapt as our season of life changes. The mission clarifies how you will practice your vision in everyday life. It is the engine that takes you toward accomplishing the vision.

Reflection Questions:

What gifts do we have separately and together?

What has God entrusted to us together? (gifts, story, home, resources, experiences)

Whom are we uniquely positioned to welcome, love, serve, or disciple?

How might our marriage be a place of witness, hospitality, refuge, or formation?

What rhythms help us abide in Christ and reflect Him to others (separately and together)?

Use any of the prompts from the Vision and Mission Reflection Questions to help cultivate a mission statement.

What words and phrases stand out to you?

Our Marriage Mission (draft):

THE VALUES

What matters most in how we live, love, and make decisions together?

Values are the guardrails that keep us anchored as a family. They may be specific behaviors that flow from the vision and mission.



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Reflection Questions:

What qualities do we want to define the culture of our marriage or family?

What do we want others to experience through us? (children, friends, neighbors, the Church)

What biblical convictions guide how we handle conflict, generosity, time, and decisions?

Core Value — Why is it important to our marriage?



THE GOALS

How will we know our vision, mission, and values are shaping daily life?

Goals translate vision, mission, and values into faithful, measurable practices. These are not about *perfection*, but about *direction*.

	GOAL	VALUE ALIGNMENT	HOW WE WILL MEASURE OR NOTICE IT?
DAILY			
WEEKLY			
MONTHLY			
SEASONAL			
ANNUAL			
1 - 3 YEARS			



SCRIPTURE

For prayer and reflection.

Psalm 139:13–14

¹³ For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.

Ephesians 2:1–10

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

John 15:5

⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Matthew 5:16

¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Colossians 3:23–24

²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.



Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

2 Corinthians 5:20

²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Ephesians 5:21–33

²¹ ... submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.



RYAN AND MEGAN'S FAMILY MISSION AND VALUES and how they have changed.

We share these simply as examples.

Our Mission in 2014

Our Mission is to Love Jesus, Have Fun, and Be a Blessing to our Neighbors and the World.

Our Mission in 2026

We exist to love Jesus, build for generations, and bless the world God places in our care—by living honestly, loving deeply, and following Him courageously.

Our values are the guardrails that keep us pursuing the Vision and on Mission.

Our Values in 2014

Receive grace, repent often, worship passionately, love unconditionally, forgive completely, pray constantly, serve wholeheartedly, thank daily, give freely, obey fully and live joyfully all because of Jesus.

Our Values in 2026

Receive grace, repent often, worship passionately, love unconditionally, forgive completely, pray constantly, serve wholeheartedly, thank daily, give freely, obey fully, live joyfully, and live brave, authentic, and courageous lives, all because of Jesus.



OTHER MISSION STATEMENTS AND VALUES

More mission examples.

Our mission is to reflect the grace of Jesus in the way we love each other and to create a home where others can experience the grace of Jesus.

We desire to become a spiritually healthy, emotionally honest couple whose marriage points others to the goodness and faithfulness of God.

In this season, our mission is to pursue unity and practice repentance and forgiveness with each other and those around us.

Our mission is to love God, love others, and show up.

Another example of family values.

Love, bravery, adventure, fun, respect, honesty, generosity, wholeness, worship, courage, hope, resilience, thankfulness, gratitude.

