

# *Cord of Three Strands*

“Though one may be overpowered,  
two can defend themselves. A cord  
of three strands is not quickly  
broken.” Ecclesiastes 4:12

This cord of three strands signifies the joining together of one man, one woman and God into the covenant of marriage. A rope woven from only two strands, although stronger than one, is easily unraveled by life's challenges. Three strands provide maximum strength to keep the knot from unraveling. The act of braiding these three strands signifies your commitment to put God at the center of your marriage.

Affirm your commitment as you braid the strands. Say the following to one another or put in your own words.

“I want you to know that I am committed to you, to putting Christ at the center of our marriage and submitting to God’s authority.”

## **Gold Strand Represents God**

This represents the great divinity of God. This covenant relationship is initiated by Him, and will be built under His authority, with the intent to glorify Him.

## **Silver Strand Represents the Husband**

The majesty of God’s creation is represented by this strand. The husband promises to love his wife as Christ loved the church and submit himself to God.

## **White Strand Represents the Wife**

This strand represents the wife and her purity. In that purity she vows to submit herself to God, honoring her husband and glorifying her Creator in doing so.

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