

Who brings this woman to marry this man?

Happiness in marriage is not something that just happens. A good marriage must be created. In the art of marriage, the little things are the big things.

It is never being too old to hold hands. It is remembering to say, "I love you". It is at no time taking the other for granted. It is having a mutual sense of values and common objectives; it is standing together facing the world. It is doing things for each other, not in the attitude of duty or sacrifice, but in the spirit of joy. It is not expecting perfection in each other. It is cultivating flexibility, patience, understanding, and a sense of humor. It is having a capacity to forgive and forget. It is establishing a relationship in which the independence is equal, the dependence is mutual, and the obligation is reciprocal. It is a common search for the good and the beautiful. It is not marrying the right partner; it is being the right partner. It is discovering that your love for one another at its best will never lose sight of or be blotted out by the common place experiences of life.

And it is remembering that remaining devoted, confident and hopeful in one another are the secret ingredients, which will help you to remain two very happy people, richer for your oneness.

Jordan, will you take Kira to be your wife, will you continue to be loving and caring, to comfort her, to protect your love for her, cherishing her, honoring and respecting her and your promises to her throughout all the events of your lives together?

Kira, will you take Jordan to be your husband, will you continue to be loving and caring, to comfort him, to protect your love for him, cherishing him, honoring and respecting him and your promises to him throughout all the events of your lives together?

VOWS

Jordan: Today is a new beginning. It is the start of a new way of life.

Kira: We don't know what challenges lie ahead. We know only that we will face them together.

Jordan: Because of you, I am a better person than I once was.

Kira: I promise always to see the good in you.

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Jordan: Before God and these witnesses, I vow to be loyal to you in every way, to comfort you, to cherish you, and always to love you.

Kira: Before God and these witnesses, I vow to be loyal to you in every way, to comfort you, to cherish you, and always to love you.

Jordan: Today is a new beginning.

Kira: Our new life together has begun.

Jordan: Love is more than an emotion. It is a way of life.

Kira: Love is more than a feeling. It is a channel through which all feelings flow.

Jordan: When I offer you my love, I offer all that is important in my life.

Kira: When I offer you my love, I let all of my deepest feelings flow toward you.

Jordan: Marriage is more than a ceremony. This service lasts less than an hour but marriage is a lifetime of living together.

Kira: Marriage is more than a promise.
It is a promise kept; it is words translated into action.

Jordan: As we begin living our promises, I pledge to you my love and loyalty. I will share with you all that is important to me. I will encourage peace and happiness between us.

Kira: As we begin living our promises, I pledge to you my love and loyalty. I will share with you all that is important to me. I will encourage peace and happiness between us.

RING VOWS

May we have the rings please?

The wedding ring is a circle that has no beginning and no end. Let those who give it and those who receive it remind them that like their rings, their love has no beginning and no end.

Jordan, please take your ring place it on Kira's left hand and repeat after me:

Kira this ring I give you, my personal gift and my personal promise, of love and trust, and pride that you are my wife.

Kira, please take your ring and place it on Jordan's left hand and repeat after me:

Jordan this ring I give you, my personal gift and my personal promise, of love and trust, and pride that you are my husband.

SAND CEREMONY

This sand is symbolic of two people as two separate people in their own right. By the joining of these two colors of sand into one, this symbolizes the strength and unity of two into one, depicting, Jordan and Kira's belief that together they can become greater than each could alone.

In marriage, God calls upon a man and a woman to leave their parents to join one another in love, and become one in flesh. Each of your parents has poured different colored sand into a vessel. In a moment, each of you will take a vessel of sand and together you will pour the sand from your vessel into the larger one. The sand from each individual vessel will then intermingle together. This is a vivid reminder that in marriage our lives are also merged, even as we remain individuals.

PRONOUNCEMENT

Jordan and Kira, you have expressed your love to one another by the giving of a commitment and the promises you have just made. So it is with these in mind and by the authority given to me I pronounce that you are husband and wife.

Jordan and Kira, you may seal your promises with a kiss.

Ladies and gentleman, for the first time, Mr. and Mrs. Burnie!