

# Kelli Recod and Jeff Wadsworth

Married on December 15, 2012 at Berean Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC

*Prelude*

*Entrance of Grandparents*

*Entrance of Parents*

*Entrance of Groom*

*Wedding Party Processional*

*Bridal Processional*

“At that first wedding in Eden, God brought the woman to the man and gave her to him. Who gives this woman to be married to this man?”

Ephesians 5:20-33

""Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (21) Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. (22) Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. (23) For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the saviour of the body. (24) Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. (25) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (26) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of the water by the word, (27) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (28) So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. (29) For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: (30) For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. (31) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. (32) This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. (33) Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

PLEASE BE SEATED

“It’s a wonderful privilege to gather together to witness the marriage covenant of Kelli Nicole Recod and Jeffrey Brandon Wadsworth. What God is doing here today is of great significance. The marriage relationship was ordained by God on the sixth day of creation when God created Adam and from Adam fashioned Eve to be a helper suitable for him.

Kelli, Adam was alone, and in him was something that incomplete. God brought Eve to him, to be a completer....to be one who took up where he left off. God is doing that very same thing for Jeff today by bringing you to him. What a privilege that is and what a responsibility!

So Paul, in this passage helps us understand the weight of what we are doing here today as he explains how the marriage relationship shows us a picture of the relationship between Christ and His church.

This relationship is a **distinct** relationship. And that is why he quotes from Genesis 2:24 when he says, *Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they two shall become one flesh.*

“We’re going to witness a **leaving** today—*therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother*—not just a physical leaving, but an emotional leaving. This relationship now will interrupt everything else in their lives. The relationships that they have with others will not be any longer exactly the same, because of the devotion they now promise to one another.

“And there will be a **cleaving**—*and shall cleave unto his wife*—Jeff and Kelli are uniting to form a unique and distinct family unit in which we trust that God will be glorified and through which godly children will be raised up after them.

“And, finally, Jeff and Kelli shall become one —*and they two shall become one flesh.* There’s a leaving and a cleaving and a **weaving** of their lives together that will become more intimate as they grow in the Lord and with one another.

**But let us be clear on the lesson that this relationship teaches everyone involved.**

“Marriage is also an illustration of Christ’s love for His church. Ephesians 5:25 says, *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.*”

There was a time when this man set his eye upon this woman and determined in his heart that he would pursue her as a wife. In the same way, Christ has pursued us, the sinner. And He has determined to love us and have a relationship with us through the work of His life and death on the cross.

Jeff, as you show Kelli love and help she should better understand her Savior's love for her. And as you serve together, your relationship should stand as an illustration to others of Christ and His bride.

“So, what we do here today is of immense significance and, while we rejoice, we rejoice reverently, mindful of the grace and majesty and purpose of God and of Christ’s love for His church.

“Jeff and Kelli, it is my privilege to count you as friends. It has been a joy in these last few weeks to listen to you share what God has done in your lives and how He has led you to this commitment. I’m confident that, by the grace of God, you will strive to bring glory to God through your marriage as you fulfill your divinely-ordained roles for each other. I speak for everyone by saying that we’re excited for you and pray for God’s richest blessing on your lives together.”

### ***POURING OF THE UNITY SAND***

“This sand is a symbol of what Jeff and Kelli are doing today. Again, the Bible teaches that, in marriage, “the two become one.” Until coming together today, their lives have been lived independently as they have sought to follow God’s will and live for Him. But, believing that they can follow the Lord and serve Him more perfectly together, they are saying goodbye to their former, individual lives and uniting to form one life. From now on, they will devote themselves to the Lord as one, living in

companionship and harmony with each other and together finding their ultimate joy in their Savior, Jesus Christ.”

*Solo*..... “When I Say I Do”

“KELLI, do you take Jeff to be your husband; to live with him in the covenant of marriage? Do you promise to love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?”

*Kelli answers:* I do

“JEFF, do you take Kelli to be your wife; to live with her in the covenant of marriage? Do you promise to love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health; and, forsaking all others, be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?”

*Jeff answers:* I do

“Then please face each other and take one another's hands as you repeat these vows to each other.

“JEFF, repeat these words, but speak them to Kelli:

“Kelli, in God's perfect will, and in the presence of these witnesses, I take you to be my wife; and I promise to be your faithful husband from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to guide and to protect, to love and to cherish as long as we both shall live, according to God's holy ordinance, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and thereto I pledge to you my faithfulness.

“KELLI, repeat these words, but speak them to Jeff:

“Jeff, in God's perfect will, and in the presence of these witnesses, I take you to be my husband; and I promise to be your faithful wife from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish as long as we both shall live, according to God's holy ordinance, through the power of the Holy Spirit, and thereto I pledge to you my faithfulness.

“JEFF, what symbol do you give to Kelli as a token of your covenant with her?”

*Jeff answers:* This ring.

“A ring, which has no end and no beginning, is a symbol of the enduring love and faithfulness you are pledging to each other.

“JEFF, place the ring on Kelli’s ring finger and repeat these words to her:

“Kelli, I give you this ring, in token and pledge, of the vow that I have made to you. With this ring, I take you to be my wife, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

“KELLI, what symbol do you give to Jeff as a token of your covenant with him?”

*Kelli answers:* This ring.

“KELLI, place the ring on Jeff’s ring finger and repeat these words to him:

“Jeff, I give you this ring, in token and pledge, of the vow that I have made to you. With this ring, I take you to be my husband, in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.”

LEAD IN PRAYER

"Overpowering strength"

"overwhelming success"

Unimaginable blessing

*Presentation of Husband and Wife*

“Jeff and Kelli, in as much as you have covenanted together during this ceremony to become husband and wife, and have committed your lifelong devotion to each other according to the will of God and in the presence of

Christ and His church, I now pronounce you husband and wife, in the name of the Father, the of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

“Jeff, you may kiss your wife!

“And now it is my privilege to present to you, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wadsworth!”

*Wedding Party Recessional:*

*Family Recessional:*

*Postlude*

**Cupcake and Hot Chocolate Reception in the chapel**