

CIVIL CEREMONY # 4

MINISTER: Should there be anyone who has just cause why this couple should not be united in marriage, they must speak now or forever hold their peace.

Groom and Bride, I would ask that you both remember to treat yourself and each other with respect, and remind yourself often of what brought you together today. Give the highest priority to the tenderness, gentleness and kindness that your marriage deserves. When frustration and difficulty assail your marriage –as they do to every relationship at one time or another – focus on what still seems right between you, not only the part that seems wrong.

This way; when clouds of trouble hide the sun in your lives, and you lose sight of it for a moment, you can remember that the sun is still there. And if each of you will take responsibility for the quality of your life together, abundance and delight will mark it.

VOWS

MINISTER: Groom, do you take Bride, to be your wife? And promise to love; honor: cherish and protect her, forsaking all others and holding only unto her forevermore?

GROOM: "I DO"

MINISTER: Bride, do you take Groom, to be your husband? And promise to love; honor: cherish and protect him, forsaking all others and holding only unto him forevermore?

BRIDE: "I DO"

MINISTER: Groom and Bride, as the two of you come into this marriage uniting you as husband and wife, and as you this day affirm your faith and love for one another, I would ask that you always remember to cherish each other as special and unique individuals, that you respect the thoughts, ideas and suggestions of one another. Be able to forgive, do not hold grudges, and live each day that you may share it together, as from this day forward you shall be each other's home, comfort and refuge, your marriage strengthened by your love and respect for each other.

Just as two threads are woven opposite directions will form a most beautiful tapestry, so too can your two lives merged together make a beautiful marriage. To make your relationship work will take love. This is the core of your marriage, and why you are here today. It will take trust, to know in your hearts that you truly want the best for each other. It will take dedication, to stay open to one another and to learn and grow together. It will take faith, to go forward together without knowing exactly what the future brings. In addition, it will take commitment, to hold true to the journey you both pledges today to share together.

**I now pronounce you Husband and Wife.
Groom you may kiss your bride!!**