

Covenant Series
Blood is Thicker Than Water
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Thought: One of the last times you lost sleep was probably over a broken **RELATIONSHIP**; relationships are **POWERFUL**!

Example: Horizontal/ vertical

I. Covenant - Malachi 2:13-16 NIV

- Example: Marriage counseling/ blood covenant - Knife no ring
- Covenant - A solemn agreement between two parties for the purpose of creating and maintain a **SUCCESSFUL** relationship
 - Hebrews 13:5b; Philippians 3:13
- Today's marriage **CONTRACT**

II. Blood is thicker than water - Luke 22:20

- Covenant is based on mutual **COMMITMENT**
- Contract is based on mutual **DISTRUST** - Romans 12:5 NLT
- Covenant **SURRENDERS** rights and assumes responsibility
- Contract **PROTECTS** rights and shirks responsibility
 - 1 Corinthians 13:5 "Love... keeps no record of wrongs"
- Covenant has the **INTEREST OF THE OTHER** in mind
- Contract has **PERSONAL CONVENIENCE** in mind - Philippians 2:4

III. The Dilemma

- **I CAN'T DO IT** - 1 John 4:19

Conclusion - We must **RECEIVE** it (love) to **GIVE** it!