

A script from



## **“To Have and to Hold”**

A Wedding Blessing

by

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- What** For that special day, a blessing and words of encouragement for the bride and groom from their family and friends. **Themes:** Wedding, Bride, Groom, Love
- Who** Reader 1  
Reader 2
- When** Present
- Wear (Props)** 2 folders for script  
Slides for screen with Congregation's words
- Why** 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
- How** This reading is suggested for the maid of honor and best man as Reader 1 and Reader 2. However, it could also be used by the parents of the bride and groom. The congregation and all the wedding party repeats “to have and to hold” each time. The scripture is to be read by everyone, including the bride and groom. If there is a situation in which the audience cannot respond as a whole (such as an outdoor wedding) simply have Readers 1 and 2 read it together.
- Time** Approximately 1 minute

**Reader 1:** Today we celebrate, as you two become one

**Reader 2:** Bound in love by the Father

**Reader 1:** And saved by His Son.

**Reader 2:** As family and friends we join you today

**Reader 1:** In making a vow as you start on your way.

**Reader 2:** To support you in prayer as you head down this road

**Reader 1:** We ask for God's blessing

**ALL: To have and to hold.**

**Reader 2:** We awe at the beauty surrounding you here

**Reader 1:** This day that you planned

**Reader 2:** Will make memories so dear.

**Reader 1:** With such hope in your eyes

**Reader 2:** As your journey unfolds

**Reader 1:** We pray God shows you favor

**ALL: To have and to hold.**

**Reader 2:** May you lean on each other

**Reader 1:** Putting trust in the Lord

**Reader 2:** Always bathe things in prayer

**Reader 1:** Build your home on His word.

**Reader 2:** It won't always be easy

**Reader 1:** Life brings hardships untold

**Reader 2:** But we stay alongside you

**ALL: To have and to hold.**

**Reader 1:** Let us say it together

**Reader 2:** So you keep in your hearts

**Reader 1:** God's description of love

**Reader 2:** As you make a new start.

**Reader 1:** May you hold onto tightly

**Reader 2:** Even as you grow old

**Reader 1:** These most precious of words

**ALL:** **To have and to hold.**

**ALL:** "Love is patient, love is kind, it is not envious. Love does not brag, it is not puffed up. It is not rude, it is not self-serving, it is not easily angered or resentful. It is not glad about injustice, but rejoices in truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." (1 Cor. 13:4-7)

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