We are gathered here today to celebrate one of life's greatest moments, the joining of two hearts. In this ceremony today we will witness the joining of (Bride) and (Groom) in marriage.

Today we have come together to witness the joining of these two lives. For them, out of the routine of ordinary life, the extraordinary has happened. They met each other, fell in love and are finalizing it with their wedding today. Romance is fun, but true love is something far more and it is their desire to love each other for life and that is what we are celebrating.

But today is also a celebration for the rest of us, for it is a pleasure for us to see love in bloom, and to participate in the union of two people so delightfully suited to one another. And to have a couple of cocktails (can be changed to anything for example: cake, beers, drinks, good southern food) in the process.

A good marriage must be created.

In 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" at least once a day.

It is never going to sleep angry.

It is standing together and facing the world.

It is speaking words of appreciation, and demonstrating gratitude in thoughtful ways.

It is having the capacity to forgive and forget.

It is giving each other an atmosphere in which each can grow.

It is a common search for the good and the beautiful.

It is not only marrying the right person -- it is being the right partner

\*\*optional\*\*\* Reading 1st Corinthians

Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud. Love is never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand it's own way. Love is not irritable or touchy. Love does not hold grudges and will hardly notice when others do it wrong. Love is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. If you love someone, you will be loyal to them no matter what the costs. You will always believe in them, always expect the best in them, and will always stand your ground in defending them.

***I Do's***

And now I will ask Bride and Groom to declare their promises to one and another.

(Groom), do you take (Bride) to be your lawful wedded Wife? ("I do")

Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect her, and be faithful to her?("I do")

Do you promise to take out the trash and pick up your clothes off the floor?("I do") Can be changed to fit your relationship

And Do you promise to love her even when she is cranky("I do") Can be changed to fit your relationship

(Bride) do you take (Groom) to be your lawful wedded Husband? ("I do")

Do you promise to love, honor, cherish and protect him, and be faithful to him? ("I do")

Do you Promise not to whine at him when he forgets to take out the trash or pick up his clothes from the floor.("I do") Can be changed to fit your relationship

And do you promise to love him after he has been out all night with the boys.("I do") Can be changed to fit your relationship

*Ring Exchange (who has the rings)*

OPTIONAL- There are 3 rings of marriage. The wedding ring, The Engagement ring and the suffering. We hope the latter can be held to a minimum.

Your rings represent the vows and promises you’ve willingly exchanged.

They reflect the commitment those words inspire and all your hopes and dreams for the future.

*Groom repeat after me*

I (Groom), take you, (Bride) to be my Wife, to have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, in joy and sorrow, and I promise My love to you. And with this ring, I take you as my Wife, for as long as we both shall live.

*Bride repeat after me*

I (Bride), take you (Groom), to be my Husband. To have and to hold, in sickness and in health, for richer or for poorer, in joy and sorrow, and I promise My love to you. And with this ring, I take you as my Husband, for as long as we both shall live.

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, that in your hearts, you truly want what is 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.

And it will take commitment, to hold true to the journey you both have pledged to today.

By the power vested in me under the laws of the state of Florida I now pronounce you husband and wife

(Groom) You may kiss your bride!

It is my great honor and privilege to introduce to you…Mr & Mrs\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_!