

## A Gossip and Slander Covenant

### **When I Listen:**

- I will *stop* gossip/slander as soon as I discern it beginning in a conversation.
- I will *not believe or make assumptions* about people based on gossip/slander.

### **When I Speak:**

- I will only speak of a person in a *positive and uplifting way* when they are not around.
- I will *keep confidential* all that is meant to be kept confidential. I will get permission to share if needed.
- If I have a problem with someone, I will *pray* for that person first before speaking to him or her.
- If I have a problem with someone, I will *only speak about the problem to the person* with whom I have the problem. I will follow Matthew 18:15-20.
- If I need to get help in dealing with a situation, I will speak about the situation in such a way that *identities are protected and cannot be guessed*.

I will carry these guidelines in *all my relationships*, including those with my spouse, family, and Ethnos leadership. And I will work through *cultural differences and preferences* in order to fulfill this covenant.

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Signature

Date