

## REAL LIFE. GODLY ADVICE.

## **Q: ALL ABOUT DATING**

## Answer:

- Singleness is not a disease that you need to be cured of. Take advantage of this season!
- Am I ready to date?
  - If you are waiting for that one person who will complete you, you will be disappointed.
  - o If you don't know what page you're on, how will you find someone on the same page as you?
  - o Pray that your spouse loves Jesus more than they love you.
  - o Living life to the fullest is the most attractive thing you can do.
- Who should I date?
  - This will be your partner in kingdom work for the rest of your life.
  - You have to know what you're looking for or else you will look at everything and anything.
  - o You can have a fixer-upper house but not a fixer-upper spouse.
  - 5 non-negotiable traits:
    - They love Jesus and are secure in who they are in Christ.
    - You're on the same page about family and how you want to raise kids together.
    - You're on the same page financially.

- You have shared values.
- A job, a car and a plan.
- How should we date?
  - It's the man's job to pursue.
  - Practical Tips from Professor Kerry Cronin
    - You ask, you pay.
    - You ask in person.
    - Do not use your phone on the date.
    - Have a clear start time and end time.
    - Be prepared to move on.
    - Focus on making a connection not finding true love.
    - No physical contact. Only an "A-frame hug".
    - No alcohol.
  - Going on a date with someone is not the same as being in a relationship with someone.
  - 5 questions for a first date
    - Do you like your job?
    - What are your goals?
    - Why are you dating?
    - When was your last relationship?
    - Tell me one embarrassing store about yourself.
- What does a healthy dating relationship look like?
  - o People in healthy relationships don't play games.
  - Your common ground should be Jesus. Build your house upon the rock (Matt. 8:24-25).
  - Drama does not equal passion or love. It's emotional immaturity. Love looks like
    1 Cor. 13:4-7.
  - Physical intimacy in dating relationships complicates things.
- Physical Intimacy in dating relationships

- How naive are we to to take something God created (sex) and think that we could somehow manipulate that and control that?
- Whoever God picks for me: of course we're going to have chemistry! Because
  He designed us to be together!
- o Through Christ there is mercy and grace, but the scars are still there.
- o God designed sex so he gets to pick the rules.

## HEY! YOU SHOULD READ (LISTEN TO) THIS

⊕ Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers

# Ep 107: Dating Bootcamp Day 1 - Getting Dating Right

