

Pre-marriage Seminar for the Young and Hopeful
Learning Fifty Lessons
from
Five Couples in Relationship

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Adam and Eve / The Template for Marriage

Genesis chapters 1 and 2, Matthew 19:1-9

1. One man and one woman in unity is the complete image of God.
2. A couple together is “very good”.
3. God expects a couple to be fruitful and multiply.
4. It is not good to live alone.
5. By position in marriage, the husband is the leader, the wife is the helper.
6. Husband and wife are one flesh.
7. The husband will leave his parents and be joined to his wife.
8. The couple was not ashamed of one another.
9. God makes the marriage and people should not break up marriage.
10. Our model for marriage is how it was in the beginning.

Isaac and Rebecca / Selection of a Soul Mate
Genesis chapter 24

11. Parents want to see their children married and happy.
12. Do not seek for a mate someone who is not spiritually compatible with you.
13. The beloved was beautiful, a virgin, and kind toward strangers.
14. The beloved was completely willing to marry without coercion.
15. God leads you to the beloved, yet the choice remains with the beloved.
16. It is acceptable to look for a “sign” or confirmation that the beloved is the right person.
17. It is acceptable to employ a matchmaker to seek out the beloved.
18. It is acceptable for a marriage to be arranged by another.
19. The woman was modest in the presence in the presence of her beloved.
20. The husband loved his wife.

Samson and his bimbos / Finding the wrong person

Judges chapter 13-16

21. Godly parents may not raise up a godly child.
22. God may be with a person even when that person breaks His rules.
23. Do not marry after one glance.
24. Do not marry just because the other “looks good to your eyes”.
25. Take into consideration the counsel of your parents.
26. Do not be caught up in the counsel of your friends.
27. Often an impulsive marriage leads to an impulsive divorce.
28. Often a divorce leads to extra-marital affairs and prostitution.
29. The man dominated with muscle, but the woman with her words.
30. Falling in love with the wrong person may have dire consequences.

Ruth and Boaz / Marriage as it should be.

Ruth / all four chapters

31. The journey to marital happiness began with a commitment to God.
32. Widows have hope to marry again.
33. Race or tribe did not prevent marriage.
34. Age difference did not prevent marriage.
35. God provides companionship for those who seek Him.
36. The woman was respectful and humble before the man.
37. The man was respectful and generous toward the woman.
38. The man protected the woman from uninvited men.
39. Be generous toward your in-laws.
40. Chose the correct and difficult path rather than the wrong and easy path.

King David and his wives / Marriage in confusion

1 Samuel 18:20-29 (wife Michal)

Samuel 25:2-44 (wife Abigail)

2 Samuel / chapters 11 and 12 (wife Bathsheba)

Psalms 51 / song of a clean heart

41. Do not marry someone to attain a high position.
42. Some mates may be a snare in your godly path.
43. Seek out only people who are single and available.
44. Multiple relationships lead to multiple problems.
45. Lust can lead even a king astray.
46. Sexual affairs can lead to unwanted pregnancies.
47. Greater sinning is often required to cover the sin of adultery.
48. Sorrow often follows an illicit sexual affair.
49. As often as we confess our sins, God forgives our sins.
50. Even after the word sexual behavior, God can create a clean heart in you.