

RELATIONSHIPS

A DIVINE BLUEPRINT

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*"God has already written
your love story."*

— Faisal Malick

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GOD'S VISION FOR RELATIONSHIPS

Core Truths

- ▶▶▶ God is the author of relationships — He has a vision for your love story
- ▶▶▶ Psalm 139:16 — God wrote a book about you before you were even born
- ▶▶▶ Every love story is unique — God doesn't repeat the same story
- ▶▶▶ You are a character in God's story — be the authentic version of yourself

The Problem with Today's Dating Culture

- ▶▶▶ 80% of singles are burnt out from apps and modern dating
- ▶▶▶ The current culture inhibits genuine connection
- ▶▶▶ People are left empty, hurt, and asking: How do I find lasting love?
- ▶▶▶ The answer: God has a plan — and it's better than any dating app



The Biblical Model: Presentation

- Proverbs 18:22 — “He who finds a wife finds a good thing”
- The Hebrew word “find” means to recognize when she appears
- God presents a wife — just as He presented Eve to Adam
- Biblical examples: Rebecca to Isaac, Ruth to Boaz, Esther to the King

***“God’s standard is that He presents a wife.
He presented the First Lady of Creation to Adam.”***

— Faisal Malick



PREPARING FOR YOUR SPOUSE

For Men: The Adam Model

- **Know God's Presence** — Adam's first experience was the presence of God
- **Pursue Your Assignment** — Get busy doing what God has called you to do
- **Know God's Word** — Use Scripture as a lens to view your life
- **Stay in Your Field** — God will bring your wife into your proximity
- Develop a vision to be a **provider** and **protector**

For Women: Becoming Presentable

- Spend time with Jesus — "Date Jesus" first
- Become the **wife** you want to be *before* marriage
- Work on the authentic version of yourself
- Let God prepare you to be someone He can present
- Guard your heart and set clear boundaries



Proximity Relationships

- ▶▶▶ God brings your spouse into your proximity so you can recognize them
- ▶▶▶ Pay attention to organic connections – friend groups, church, work
- ▶▶▶ Ruth “stumbled” into Boaz’s field – that was God’s orchestration
- ▶▶▶ Be the authentic you, and you’ll show up at the right place at the right time

“Stay in your field, and God will bring your wife and present her to you.”

– Faisal Malick



THE WAITING SEASON

Embrace the Process

- ▶▶▶ Singleness is not something to look down on – it's a crucial season
- ▶▶▶ Don't rush – there are things you can only do while single
- ▶▶▶ God doesn't put pressure on you to rush through seasons
- ▶▶▶ If there's a delay, God may still be working on you (and your spouse)

Practical Boundaries

- ▶▶▶ Being "best friends" with the opposite sex doesn't work long-term
- ▶▶▶ Keep your emotional state available for your future spouse
- ▶▶▶ If you have a lust problem while single, it won't disappear when married
- ▶▶▶ Learn to be loyal to Jesus first – so you can be loyal to your spouse



What to Look For

- Does this person care about the **presence of God**?
- Are they living in the **Word of God**?
- Are they busy about their **assignment**?
- Do they go to church? Do they tithe?
- What is their **story**? — You marry their story, not just them

***“If I had met him even two months earlier,
he probably wouldn’t have liked me —
the Lord was still working on me.”***

— Aroosa Malick



BUILDING A HEALTHY MARRIAGE

The Foundation: Leave and Cleave

- You must **leave** your family of origin to properly **cleave** to your spouse
- Your spouse is #1 after God – not parents, not culture, not friends
- Create a “covenant circle” – just the two of you
- Kids come **after** the marriage circle – not inside it

Emotional Connection

- A marriage cannot survive emotional disconnection
- Our #1 need as humans is **connection**
- Women: Communicate openly – men can’t read your mind
- Men: Create a safe space for her to share without judgment
- It’s not just about how you **feel** about them – it’s how they **make you feel**



The Power of Prayer Together

- Only 1 in 1,200 couples who pray together regularly end in divorce
- Prayer is intimacy – even more intimate than physical connection
- Spiritual connection enhances emotional connection
- Emotional + spiritual connection enhances physical connection

***“Love without respect is not genuine love.
Love without boundaries is not real love.”***

– Faisal Malick



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

Hope for Every Season

- ▶▶▶ Love knows no age – couples have found love at 69, 73, even 82
- ▶▶▶ It's not about your past – it's about God's plan for your future
- ▶▶▶ Don't let past experiences define what God wants to bring you
- ▶▶▶ God is great at writing love stories – let Him write yours

Action Steps

- ▶▶▶ **Sever soul ties** – Release past relationships that keep you stuck
- ▶▶▶ **Date Jesus** – Build your relationship with Him first
- ▶▶▶ **Become authentic** – Work on the real version of yourself
- ▶▶▶ **Stay in your field** – Focus on your calling and assignment
- ▶▶▶ **Pay attention** – Watch for proximity relationships God brings
- ▶▶▶ **Set boundaries** – Honor God and your future spouse

***“God loves love. God is love.
It's never too late.”***

– Faisal Malick

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