

Faith Fight Podcast Episode 7 – Finding Your Spouse

With Valentines say next week, I thought to release this episode today for those who are still waiting to find your spouse. This is such an important decision and with all the complexities that come with life, prayer is essential when you are deciding who you want to get married to. Today we almost don't see marriages lasting until death does us part but at the drop of a hat people want to shout the D word and end the relationship. Approaching this season in your life is important to making a good decision as it relates to who you will get married to.

1. **Proverbs 18:22**

“He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD.”

This verse states that it is good to be married. Today's emphasis on individual freedom is misguided. Strong individuals are important, but also strong marriages. God created marriage for our enjoyment and he pronounced it as good. This is one of many passages in the Bible that show marriage as a joyful and good creation.

2. **Mark 11:24**

“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

Our prayers are often motivated by our own interest and desires. We like to hear that we can have anything but Jesus prayed with God's interest in mind. As you pray to find your spouse, also pray and seek God so that His purposed will be fulfilled through both of you individually and also together after you are married. Your callings should be compatible.

3. **Psalms 37:4**

“Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.”

This verse speaks about getting to know God intimately. This is the only way that you are able to delight in God... By knowing who is and that He is a good heavenly father. This verse also gives us a promise that He will give us the desires of our heart. When I see verses like this, I like to call it “heavenly physiology. God tells us to do something promising something else and in the process we will draw closer to know him better. And as we know him better He is able to put in our hearts what we should really be desiring.

4. **Matthew 19:4-6**

“Haven't you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and

the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

In this verse, Jesus pointed out that God intended marriage to be permanent and mentioned in this verse that no one should separate. Marriage is a permanent institution and separation or divorce should not be something that is considered "in the event of _____" as an escape. The truth about marriage is that it will stretch you to learn how to love like Jesus does. Marriage will cause us to mature and love sacrificially. In the hard times, don't just look for the way out but look to overcome challenges and grow spiritually as a result of your marriage. Single people need to keep this mind as they search for their spouse.

5. Ecclesiastes 4:9-11

"Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor. For if either of them falls, the one will lift up his companion. But woe to the one who falls when there is not another to lift him up. Furthermore, if two lie down together they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone?"

Very practically speaking, when both you and your spouse can come side by side and do live together, it will bring you so much more benefits. Life is designed for companionship, not isolation. For intimacy, not loneliness. Don't try to do live on your own.

6. Genesis 2:18

"The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

God designed man and woman to be together to work together to accomplish great things. Long periods of isolation are not good for anyone. God created woman for man so that he can have intimate companionship and help as they fulfill God's purpose.

7. Proverbs 12:4

"A wife of noble character is her husband's crown, but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones."

Just as a king wears a crown on his head and it is a symbol of authority and status, a husband feels the same way when his wife is of noble character. Women, as you seek to be married be sure to develop the character in your lives so that you can be that wife of noble character.

8. Proverbs 19:14

"Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a prudent wife is from the LORD."

This verse is saying that a woman should be wise and show discretion in all that she does. As you do this you will become a gift to your husband. Similar to the last verse, you should strive to develop this characteristic in your life.

9. 2 Corinthians 6:14

"Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?"

Apostle wrote this verse and he was urging believers not to form binding relationships with non-believers because this might weaken their Christian commitment, integrity or standards. Don't settle for anyone just because they are available, God has the best and perfect person for you and you don't have to compromise your relationship with God. In fact, the person that you are dating should encourage you to peruse God more than you did before.

10. Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

This one is to the men, Be prepared to sacrifice for your wife. Just as Christ Gave us his life for the Church, ever man is to love his own wife sacrificially also.

11. Genesis 24:1-4

"Abraham was now very old, and the Lord had blessed him in every way. He said to the senior servant in his household, the one in charge of all that he had, "Put your hand under my thigh. I want you to swear by the Lord, the God of heaven and the God of earth, that you will not get a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I am living, but will go to my country and my own relatives and get a wife for my son Isaac."

Just as Abraham sent a servant to find a wife from a specific place so to God will direct your path so that you can be in the right place where you can find your spouse. God will also let you know when the time is right for you to be married.

Weekly Prayer Plan – Finding Your Spouse

How to Use this Template:

Download and save this document to begin using at the beginning (Monday) of every week. Every Week will have different bible verses to meditate on based on the Faith Fight Podcast episode topic for that week. Determine the time and place that you will devote to prayer. The below structure is set for one hour and is only used as a guide. You can adjust your timing if necessary.

Time: _____

Place: _____

5 min – Drawing Near To God

5 min – Confession

10 min – God-Centered Petitions

10 min – Intercessory Prayer

10 min – Personal Petitions

15 min – Meditation

5 min – Praise, Thanksgiving & Closing

1. **DRAWING NEAR TO GOD** - Matt. 6:9 “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name”

God the Father is the focus of all our prayers. We should never forget what a privilege it is to bend our knees on earth and reach almighty God in heaven.

Psalm 95:6 - Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Isaiah 6:3 - And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory."

Psalm 84:1-2 - How lovely are Your dwelling places, O LORD of hosts! My soul longed and even yearned for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

2. **CONFESSION** - Matt. 6:12 “Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us”

When we repent and forgive others, we maintain fellowship with God. But if we hold grudges, that fellowship is broken. God loves to answer our prayers when the lines of communication are not disrupted.

Psalm 51:1-2 - Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Acts 3:19 - Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

James 4:8 - Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

3. **GOD CENTERED PETITIONS Matt 6:10** "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven."

Prayer should reflect a desire to align ourselves with God's goals and purposes, not to get Him to follow our plans.

Job 22:21 - "Submit to God and be at peace with him; in this way prosperity will come to you.

Psalm 40:8 - I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart."

Romans 12:1-2 - Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

4. **PERSONAL PETITIONS Matt 6:11** "Give us today our daily bread."

We are dependent upon the Lord for our needs and He wants us to come to Him with our requests.

Matt 7:7-8 - Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matt 6:8 - Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

James 4:2 - You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. **You do not have because you do not ask God.**

5. **MEDITATION Joshua 1:8** "Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."

Meditation is thinking about the word of God to understand what it means in the context of the scripture and how it can apply to your life today. The Word of God is powerful enough to still be relevant in your life today even though it was written thousands of years ago.

Read through the scripture passages for today as listed below:

Meditational Verses

Monday: Psalm 37

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 6:14

Wednesday: 1 Corinthians 7

Thursday: Matthew 19:4-6

Friday: Genesis 2:4-25

Saturday: Genesis 24

Sunday: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Once you have read the scripture for today, write down your answer to the questions below or any other insight/revelation that you receive in your prayer journal.

1. Is there a promise to claim?
2. Is there a lesson to learn?
3. Is there a blessing to enjoy?
4. Is there a command to obey?
5. Is there a sin to avoid?
6. Is there a new thought to carry with me?

- 6. PRAISE & THANKSGIVING 1 John 5:14-15** “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.”

We can end our prayer time with confidence that God has heard our prayer and will answer in His perfect timing. Demonstrate your faith in Him by showing thanks before you see the answer to your prayers.

Psalm 136:1 - Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Philippians 4:6-7 - Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Psalm 103:1-5 - Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits— who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.