The Message Notes
Series: Dateology
Message: *Prescription #2*
Text: Genesis 2:18, 21-25

Genesis 2:18. Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." **21.** So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. **22.** Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. **23.** "At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'" **24.** This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. **25**. Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame. (NLT)

Talk:

Review: "God created us **sexual** beings, **male** and **female** with an **innate** desire for **mating**."

"**Dating** is not a **biblical concept** but a **social construct** that came from the **Age of Enlightenment –** self-interests-love-happiness."

Ponder: "If you don't know how to **date right,** you won't **marry right**." PK

The purpose of Dateology is to **promote** having a **healthy** dating relationship which assists you in choosing the right person to marry and **protect** you and the person you're dating from dating abuse.

Prescription #1. I **recommend** you know the **purpose** for dating **before** you start dating.

Wisdom: If you don't know **why** you're dating, then **misusing** the person you're dating becomes **inevitable**.

Purpose for Dating - A man and a woman meet for a **period of time** to **gather data** about each other, so they can make an **informed decision** if they're a **match** for **marriage**.

> ➤ **Cordial** Daters follow **healthy** dating practices
> ➤ **Cultural** Daters follow **unhealthy** dating practices

Wisdom: "The **cost** of a **failed** relationship is you **discover** how long someone can **live** in your **mind** after the relationship has **ended**."

Prescription #2. I recommend you live by_____ as your **standard** for living the **right way** before you start dating.

Biblical values govern your **beliefs** and **standard** of **behavior**, so you can live the **right way** to **prosper** and **succeed** in all you do. Joshua 1:8

Wisdom: If a person is **mishandling** the way they live, they will **mishandle** you in a dating relationship. *Doesn't that make sense?*

Living the right way according to biblical values:

PT 1. _____: Biblical values organize your lifestyle around the **authority** of **Scripture**. Reference: Psalms 119:4-6

"Everyone is a Christian until you hold them **accountable** to live like one." PK

Biblical values according to Scriptures: our *creativity* is of God (Genesis 1:1); our *identity* is in God (Genesis 1:26); our **sexuality** is defined by God (Genesis 1:27); our *activity* comes from God (Genesis 1:28-30); our *morality* is commanded by God (Genesis 2:15-17); and our *accountability* is to God (Genesis 3:9-10).

PT 2. _____: Biblical values uphold a lifestyle of **purity**. Reference: Psalms 119:9

Monogamy is a "**sacred**" relationship and it becomes **impure** if it is practiced before marriage because it dictates the following three requirements:

   a) It requires you to commit to be with only one person.
   b) It requires you to share your thoughts, feelings, and desires
   c) It requires your body and eventually the direction of your life

Proverbs 4:23. **Guard** your **heart** above all else, for it **determines** the **course** of your life. (NLT)

Ponder: Don't you think you need values that protect your soul and body and the soul and body of the person you're dating from *impurity*?

PT 3. _____ Biblical values arrange your lifestyle around making you become the **right person**, for the **right person** you're looking for. Amos 3:3

Ponder: When your values are wrong, at that point your lifestyle is wrong, and you will continue to draw the *wrong people into your life* and keep the *right people out of your life*. *Doesn't that make sense?*

Next Week: Prescription #3