

# (The Church Needs to Know) 6. Relationships Before Marriage

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*The church needs to know that intimate relationships before marriage are not normal and are considered sin, and we must be convicted by the Holy Spirit to avoid compromising and acting like the world.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of understanding the spirit of the gospel. He warns against indulging in worldly music and attending gospel concerts that promote excitement and fleshly emotions. The preacher urges Christians, especially young people, to live righteous lives and be examples to others. He also condemns the acceptance of homosexuality in the church and highlights the various sins mentioned in the Bible. The overall message is to pray for the true message of the gospel to prevail and for Christians to walk in victory and serve the Lord faithfully.

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## Transcript

We will continue on the same topic that we've been speaking for the last few months, the church needs to know. That's the series that we have started a few months and I believe that is still in my heart to speak to you a few things that I believe needs to be addressed to the church. That's why today I would like to talk to you about relationship before marriage.

Relationship before marriage. What does the world think about it? And what do we Christians believe? What does God say about it? Relationship before marriage. You know for the world, it's absolutely normal and natural and wanted and desired that a boy and a girl or a man and a woman have intimate relationship before marriage.

It's normal. It's the way the world thinks. That's the spirit of the world.

And I think that all of you realize that and we have come from the world ourselves, many of us. We have thought that way. We have believed that way.

We have thought that this was the natural way of living, of growing before marriage. Having intimate relationship with a boy or a girl. And the idea of being engaged, the idea of dating before marriage is

according to the world a time.

A time to see if really the two are fit for one another. That's what you call dating and that's what you call being engaged. Getting together.

On the basis that this is normal and everyone accepts it. And during that time the boy and the girl or the man and the woman act as if they are married. So in other words they have intimate relationship between one another.

And that is considered normal. And parents also consider it normal and the world system consider it as normal. But unfortunately in the church there is like a tendency to accept also that intimate relationship between a boy and a girl, Christian boy and a Christian girl or man and woman is becoming natural and normal.

And this is where it is dangerous for the church. That's why I believe that I would like to address this subject. And during that time of dating and engagement before marriage in the world there are a lot of feelings and emotions that get involved and finally you get married on the decision of that things that way is normal and you know what's the result.

The world society is in a mess. How many of you agree with me? That the world society is in a mess. Families are being broken.

And this is on the basis that intimate relationship before marriage is acceptable normal and has got to be that way. That's why we want to see what God says. For us Christians born again, religion cannot do anything about it.

How many of you believe that? Religion in itself cannot do anything about it. Cannot stop it. Cannot deal with that issue.

Cannot. But God in his wisdom and in his plan we are going to see it from the word of God. I have chosen a couple of texts to show us clearly what God thinks about it.

For us Christians so that we do not accept any compromise in the church and we have a heart according to God's heart. And I believe that it is possible to walk in God's plan and purpose. It is possible.

For the world it is not possible. It's uncontrollable. And as I said even religion cannot stop it.

Cannot deal with that issue. Because the foundation in itself is not right. It's important for us to know the heart of the Lord.

To see what God says. Let's open our Bibles. In the book of Romans chapter 1. You know in many Christian circles it is not desirable that young Christians, boys and girls go through that experience in their lives before marriage.

It's not wanted. It's not desirable. But on the other hand there is not a clear line that is put.

And it's as if young Christians are left to themselves to decide what is right and what is wrong. There is not a clear line. I want you to understand that God is not confused.

God has got a clear mind and heart and plan and vision for His people. He has always considered His people as special. Always.

We are special. We are God's people. And we are completely different to the world.

Whatever the world thinks and wants to influence the church that's why it's important that the gospel of Jesus Christ comes and draws a perfect line. A perfect line. And this perfect line is not being brought up by law.

We need to understand that. Because all Christians can read the Bible and who have the Holy Spirit living in them and know somehow what is right and what is wrong. That's why if we want to put law and tell people you don't have the right to do that how many of you know it doesn't work? It doesn't work.

It has never worked. You have to have never worked doesn't work and will not work. What will work is the conviction of the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the true gospel the preaching of the cross of Jesus Christ that can bring conviction.

Conviction is the key. Law is not desirable. Conviction and it's only the true gospel that can bring conviction.

It's upon our Bibles in the book of Romans chapter 1. The book of Romans chapter 1 we are going to see the nature of sin. The nature of sin. For God what is sin? What is included in sin for God? Not for the world, for God.

Because for the world 99% of what God thinks is sin is not sin. Alright? Even for religion. They don't consider sin how God looks at sin.

That's why I stated earlier on that religion cannot deal with it and cannot stop the the cancer of getting worse and worse in society. In families. So let's see what God considers as sin.

Romans chapter 1 we read from verse 20. For since the creation of the world is invisible attributes are clearly seen. Being understood by the things that are made, even is eternal power and Godhead so that they are without excuse.

Because although they knew God they did not glorify him as God nor were thankful but became futile in their thoughts and their foolish hearts were darkened. In other words by looking at creation one must believe and say that God is real. Correct? That's what it says here.

God is alive. There is a God who created everything. But man never considered that and preferred to take his own life into his hand and rebel against God and that's why the Bible says that God has left them doing what they desire to do.

Which the Bible the book of Romans the apostle Paul describes as sin. And here we are. Professing to be wise, verse 22 they became fools and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made by made like corruptible men and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

So men became idolaters. They started to worship idols. Instead of looking at God the creator of all things in the spirit they build altars and idols and they replace God by things that couldn't move, couldn't think, couldn't breathe, couldn't talk.

So man became idolaters. That's number one description of sin. Number two.

24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleannesses in the lust of their hearts to dishonor their bodies among themselves. That's what is interesting to us right now. Dishonor their bodies among themselves.

Now we're talking about immorality. We're talking about lust. Correct or not? Giving themselves.

Dishonor their bodies among themselves. Men and women living in sin. Doing immoral things.

Living according to the lust of the flesh. Immorality. Who exchanged the truth of God for the lie and worshipped and served the creator rather than the creator who is blessed forever.

Amen. Now we can see the description of immorality and lust right here which God himself considers as sin. Am I right here? Am I correct? Dishonoring their bodies.

Now we are going to look at this part of scripture later on in the book of Corinthians. How the apostle Paul sees the importance of our body in our relationship with Christ. But first of all we discover here, clearly the sin of immorality.

Lust. Men and women giving themselves, giving their bodies to one another. So it's clearly seen here.

Sin number three. And then he goes on and talks about homosexuality. God gave them up to vile patience for even their women exchanged the natural use of what is against nature.

Likewise also the men leaving the natural use of the women burned in the lust of one another. Men with men committing what is shameful and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was Jew. Shame to the church to even consider accepting homosexuality as something which is natural and which is normal in the church.

Acceptable. Shame to the church. Where here is a clear description of what God declares sin contrary to God's will.

Contrary to God's heart. Number four. He talks about sin in general.

Filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil mindedness. They are whisperers, back biters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful. Oh we can go on and on and on and on and on.

Now here the apostle Paul describes everything that concerns sin in general. But why did not God put everything together? One thing, together. The Holy Spirit took time to dissociate between the sin of the body and the sin in general.

The sin when you give up your body, and we are going to see it right now. How the apostle Paul sees it and sees marriage and sees relationship outside marriage. Because we can declare that outside marriage every, any, every relationship related to the body of men is declared sin in the eyes of God.

That's the line clearly put. That's the line. That's why religion can't stop it.

That's why religion can't deal with it. Only the Holy Spirit through the gospel can deal with it and put a clear line. And that's the world there.

Verse 32 They know the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death. Not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them. In other words, they come together as a body, as a unit.

All the sinners come together. All the world comes together as a unit declaring that this is okay because they protect one another. That's what the Bible says here.

Not only they do the same, but they approve of those who practice them. You see? You see that unity that comes together through the spirit of the world dictating the world to accept ungodly things as righteous, as normal. How can we, the church, the body of Christ, men and women, who are the temple of the Holy Spirit can accept that this is natural and normal like the world.

And the church is fighting to make young people accept that this is the plan of God. This is the wisdom of God. This is the vision of God.

This is the heart of God. The church is fighting, is struggling. That's why we need the gospel.

The question here is what? Are we going to follow the course of the world? The answer is no. A definite no. Are we going to follow the course of the world? The answer is a definite no.

The Lord must help us. The apostle Paul calls that prostitution. Prostitution! Hear me well.

That's why for us Christians there are two things involved. We firstly need to be convicted. The truth of God's word needs to become a conviction in our hearts.

Settled once and for all that this is not God's plan. It is not God's plan for young boys and girls or men and women before marriage or even after marriage without the two together only. That's why what I'm sharing with you today I don't want that to be a law upon yourself.

I trust that the gospel of Jesus Christ brings conviction to your heart so that you don't act like robots but you act by the leading of the spirit where you are convicted and you stand your ground by conviction. You stand your ground by conviction. You don't do these things by conviction not because the church said you are not allowed to do that.

Those who have said you are not allowed to do that have failed. But the gospel of Jesus Christ the gospel of the cross of Jesus Christ that deals with the heart of men never fails. It is the power of God to change lives.

The Lord must help us I tell you. And then the apostle Paul talks about prostitution. Open your Bibles with me in 1 Corinthians chapter 6. There's not even one chance out of a million that it is doubtful.

Not one chance in a million that it can be doubtful. Maybe. There's not one chance out of a million that there is a maybe.

Clear? 1 Corinthians chapter 6 we read from verse 14. Are you there? Verse 14. And God both raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

Why is this verse right there stick in the middle of something that the apostle Paul wants to bring to the church? Why is it right in the middle of nowhere? It looks like it is in the middle of nowhere. He's talking about the food and the stomach and then he talks about God raised Jesus and also raised us up by his

power. God raised Jesus from the dead.

He will also raise us up from the dead and we will have a glorified body. We are also going to be resurrected from the dead. And he continues to go on and he says we are one with Christ.

Spirit, soul and body. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then make the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot or of a prostitute? Certainly not. Clear? Our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Our body becomes one with Christ. It's not only our spirit that is one with Christ. Our whole being becomes one with Christ.

We are going to be resurrected in a glorified body and God makes it very important that we understand that we cannot do with our body what we want. It belongs to Christ. Not only our spirit, but our body belongs to Christ.

And Paul makes a question. Can we take our members, can we take our body, our members and make them members of a prostitute? Can we? The answer is certainly not. Why? He explains.

You know, when you take your body and make, and have intimate relationship with somebody else than your wife, you know what happens? You become one with that person. Now let's read together. I'm not inventing anything.

I'm not inventing anything. We read it together in the Bible. Do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? Because God said.

Because God said a man or a woman shall leave his father and mother and the two shall become one. How do you become one? How do you become one? Who wants to become one with a prostitute? Now we are not going to look at the word prostitute as a direct word, what it means. In other words, you don't have to have intimate relationship with a prostitute when God, for God to consider you to have given your body to a prostitute.

You don't have to go to a prostitute. Just by the action of uniting yourself with a man or a woman is an act of prostitution and you don't have to do it with a prostitute. Can you understand what God is saying here? Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot or a prostitute is one body with her for the two, God says shall become one flesh.

So we can understand here that when we become one flesh, when we are united somehow in body and Paul wants us to understand that the sin in our body is not the same as any other sin. Watch. Verse 17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him flee sexual immorality every sin that a man does is outside the body but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

Can you understand that? Immorality you sin against your own body and never forget that your body is one with Jesus Christ. We're getting calm here. And many Christians just do what they want with their body and they don't understand before God what it is in reality.

And Paul is making a clear distinction here between the sin of the body and any other sin. Because the sin of the body unites you. Any other sin is for yourself.

Do you follow me? Any other sin is for yourself but a sin in your body immorality relationship intimate relationship you sin against your own body because you become one with a prostitute. That's not a joke. That's not to be taken up lightly.

I'm not saying it. The Apostle Paul is saying it here. I'm not saying it.

Why did the Apostle Paul brought up that verse of scripture when God said the two will become one flesh. The two will become one. We've got to get things right.

We're not going to repeat what people say. We've got to get things right. That's why the Apostle Paul makes a difference because between sin in your own body and pride.

Pride is a lust of the flesh but immorality is giving up your own body. Can you understand the difference? Do you understand the difference? Lying stealing different. You don't sin against your own body.

It's a lust of the flesh. It's sin before God. But when you commit immorality and even before marriage between a boy and a girl or a man and a woman or after marriage with another woman and another wife and the husband and another wife you're committing your own body.

You're dishonoring your own body. It's not the same as any other sin. I didn't say it.

God says it. I trust you understand what I'm saying. Flee sexual immorality.

Flee. Flee sexual immorality. When you talk about immorality it means anything outside marriage.

Anything outside marriage. Anything outside marriage. Say it to your friend next to you.

Anything outside marriage. Yeah. That's the truth.

How many of you understand what I'm saying here? How many of you understand what I am saying here about what God is saying? We're not going to fool ourselves and follow any flow. We need to understand scripture. We need to see the heart of God and if God makes a difference between any other sin and sin in your own body we might take careful attention about it.

Take note. Take note. Sin in your own body is not the same as any other sin.

Do you read the same thing here? I'm going to read it again for you. Every sin that a man does is outside the body. Every sin.

Every sin. But he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. And the next verse says do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit? Don't you know? Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you? Whom you have from God and you are not your own? In other words your body is not yours.

It's not only your heart that needs to belong to Christ. Your whole body it's not only your heart. Your body is God's.

Here we are. For you were bought at a price therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's. Clear or not clear? Clear or not clear? Huh? That's why you don't take immorality lightly.

No, you don't take it lightly because you are dishonoring your own body and your own body is one with Christ. I trust that you see what I am seeing. I trust that you see what I am seeing.

That's why we can't just take things like that lightly and the problem is that when you don't understand the scripture, the heart of the scripture, the spirit of this gospel if you don't understand it, you'll compromise. You'll compromise and you'll start acting like the world let me try this one after all it's not not. Why is it not right? Why is she not right for you? Why? Why do you have to try? The world can try.

We are not called to try. We are not called to try. If you are trying you've got the spirit of the world.

If you are trying to see who is that one and if not it doesn't suit you you try another one Oh la la la la you don't have the spirit of Christ. In the kingdom of God you don't try. You don't date like the world dates.

You don't get engaged like the world gets engaged it's another dimension it's another dimension it's another heart but firstly you've got to be convicted firstly you've got things I've got to be clear. Very clear where God stands in the midst of that subject if we can say it that way where does God stand? I don't think anyone has got a record I don't know, I don't think anyone has got a record how many young Christians get married and have already had intimate relationship with girls and boys. There is no record but my heart has got a record somehow I can feel.

You know when your heart can feel the spirit that are in churches you can know what follows what's behind. You know what's behind it you know it you know what's under the carpet you know what's done in darkness you know it and where does the church stand in the midst of all that so it's very clear in verse 18 that fornication and immorality is sin against one own body. Sin against your own body.

We know that Jesus Christ said that it's better for you to enter the kingdom of God without an arm but with a good heart and turn to the kingdom of God than to be whole as a body and go in hell do you understand I'm not saying right now here you must understand I'm not saying right now here that what you do with your body as Jesus said here he will cancel you and finish with you. We're talking about an attitude of heart that's what we're talking about one can fail but we're talking about an attitude of heart so the first thing that the Christian needs what does he need?

Conviction this is the plan of God for me to go into marriage free pure, clean I'm not here to bring condemnation to you but I want your heart to receive the light of God's word the light of God's plan and purpose so that you don't take lightly a relationship you don't take a relationship lightly whatever is light brings emotions and feelings to decide so the second thing that we Christians need to know is that the gospel needs to have an access in our hearts to deal with us as we take our cross and follow Jesus Christ as we allow the Lord to break us it's the only way for your flesh to be put to death the only way you know the apostle Paul talks in Galatians chapter 5 Galatians chapter 5 we read verse 24 and those who are Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires can

you see Galatians chapter 5 verse 24 those who are in Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires so now we need to walk and live by the spirit and if you want to live by the spirit you've got to put to death the deeds of the flesh you've got to die you've got to deny yourself of your rights and know that your flesh has got no rights and you don't owe your flesh anything you don't owe to your flesh anything you don't have to accept its desires you don't have to you are called on the contrary to crucify that flesh and put to death the deeds of the flesh that's why the message of the cross is vital that's why we need to hear the cross the message of the cross all the time all the time can you understand the importance of the

message of the cross is that question clearly

answered is it clear there's no room to play there's no room to deceive one another there's no place to try we are not like the world society we are a different people we are a chosen people young people hear me just hear me just hear what the spirit has got to say don't enter into any relationship first of all that you don't have the witness that this is of God in other words does God has a plan is there a plan or not is there a plan of God for marriage is there a direction from God for marriage is there is it the possibility is it a possibility that the Holy Spirit guides you is there that possibility or we just go by chance is there a possibility and I believe that this will solve the problem many times it solves the problem if we serve him if we are prepared to give in our lives if we

walk on that road of the cross if we want to know his plan he will show us he will show us is God able is God able to bring two persons together and show them that they are one for another is it a problem for God to put someone before you and the Holy Spirit says that's the man, that's the boy that's the girl, is it a problem for God to do that what type of God are we serving is it a possibility that God puts the right person before you and says that's the person is that a possibility for God, now listen to me are you there, is it possible for God to do that sort of thing is there a possibility for God to show you the future with someone as a couple is it a possibility you see the problem is when we don't know the problem is when we are just you know like people you know that there is a

draw we have bought tickets and there is a draw number 5, ok number 5 you know there is a possibility also when you get into some things when you don't really know exactly what is it or why it is not but you've got peace in your heart and down the line, down the road you see that's God that's God, God has brought that somehow I tell you God is God but we need to understand the plan the plan, where we stand how many of you know that when you are in the flesh you look after the flesh and when you are in the spirit you look after the spirit am I right to say that when you are in the flesh you look after the flesh when you are in the spirit you look after the spirit when you are in the flesh no no it can never be how many of you are there, when you are in the flesh no no no it can never be

how many of you are there, when you are in the flesh Am I talking truth here?

Am I saying something real? That's why we need to grow. We need to grow.

We need to become mature in the Spirit. We need the cross daily. We need God's hand daily.

Daily. We need to become spiritual people. When we are spiritual people, we look after the things of the Spirit.

How many of you understand that? Do you understand that? When you are spiritual people, you look after the things of the Spirit. Oh, Lord help us. That's why it's important for you to grow.

It's important for you to mature. It's important for you to become spiritual people. It's very important for you to become spiritual people.

Very important for you. The problem is when we don't understand the plan of God. And we keep trying.

And we do like the world. We date. You know what's date? Date? It's not a date.

It's not the 4th of January. We date. We ask someone to come and try.

See what we feel. And you know when you do that type of thing, you need to be careful because many times the feelings and the emotions get involved. And then you are caught in a trap and you can't get out of it.

You can't get out of it. You are caught in there. And when your emotions and your feelings are at a high, you don't seek anyone to tell you anything anyway.

She's yours. She's mine. He's mine.

That's why I tell you it's important for us to grow so that we can understand that there is a plan. There is a witness. He is a voice of God so that we can understand where we are going.

And when we know it's God's plan and we are convicted about our lifestyle before marriage, we have no danger. There is no danger. No danger.

When we know God's plan and let's say we are engaged like people say. We are engaged. We all say that.

We are engaged. There is no problem. There is no problem because things are clear.

Can you see that? It's clear. There is a respect for one another. There is a pure respect of the presence of God in the life of that person.

That's why you need a conviction about what God thinks. That nothing is by chance. I can tell you, you can't fight your flesh.

How many of you know that? You can't fight your flesh. You can't win over that thing. Unless you accept that God deals with you and breaks you and you are ready to lose your life as a Christian.

Is intimate relationship necessary before marriage? The answer is certainly not. Certainly not. And I trust that as we share the gospel, things are clear.

The gospel is very clear. You see, the Bible will not tell you, a young man and a woman and a young girl cannot do this before they are married. You know, the Bible does not talk that way.

The Bible doesn't say things that way. We've got to catch the heart of Christ. Can you understand? We've got to catch the heart of Christ.

And we understand what is his will for young people's lives so that they can glorify God in what they do. So that their marriage glorifies God. And it's clear and it's pure.

It's an example. It's a model. How beautiful this is.

How wonderful and great this is. When God speaks to someone and God speaks to another one and their hearts are attracted to one another and they know this is God's plan. What else can you desire more than that? So you see, you can't talk about that subject just in a nutshell.

Just talk about it without talking about many other things which we have talked even before. When we've talked about music, when we've talked about these old things. Because it's like all of this work together.

All of this is like a nutshell. You see? That's why we need to understand the spirit of the gospel. You can't tell me, okay, I understand what you are saying, preacher.

I understand that this is the will of God. And at the same time, you live and you listen to all sorts of type of music. And you go to all sorts of types of gospel concerts where your emotions and your feelings are at the highest.

And there's a hype and then there's excitement in the flesh. And you've got many girls around you who are jumping and you're a boy. And you've got all sorts of girls and you're all jumping around excited.

And what are you going to do after that? You know, you're a boy, you're a girl, you've got desires in you, you are growing. There are things that are normal and natural. You see, you can't take one thing and leave the other thing.

The gospel is a whole. It's a spirit of the gospel. You've got to take it fully.

You can't just accept what we are talking now and then live another life. And think, okay, I'm going to be fine. You are not going to be fine if you don't catch the spirit of the gospel as a whole.

And get your life in line. And get that plumb line right there. And say, this is of God, this is not of God, this is my heart, feels and desires.

Let me give you an example. You are there, right there, you are listening to me. And you know what I'm saying is right.

You are convicted about what I'm saying is right. But you are in love with rock music, rock gospel music. You are in love.

You like going to gospel concerts where you know there's music like the world music. Can you see what's going to happen next? You are convicted that this is the plan of God for your life as a young boy and a girl. You are convinced about that.

You know that intimate relationship between a boy and a girl before marriage is not the plan of God for your life. That's the right spirit, that's the right heart that you've got. And next week, there's so and so who comes to town and there's an extraordinary gospel concert with the best music and the best type of music for Christians to get happy.

You see? And you find yourself in the middle of this show. You might still be convicted, but you might still give up to your flesh in the middle of all the hype and the excitement and the feelings and the emotions that are getting involved. Can you understand what I'm saying? You've got to take the package as a whole.

You can't have one conviction here and another conviction there. All must come together. All must come together to the spirit of the gospel, the heart of Christ, the plan of God for your life.

You can't expect victory if your whole life is not taken by the spirit of the gospel. That's why you need to hear more and more about the preaching of the cross, about the cross of Jesus Christ. It will put things right.

It will put the line very clearly defined in every subject concerning your life as a Christian. Everything will be clearly defined. You will walk by conviction.

And you'll walk in victory. And you'll walk in victory. The sad thing is that there are many flaws.

Many flaws in the church. Many interpretations. Many thoughts.

Many philosophies. And it's damaging the church. It's damaging the image of the church.

That's why we need to pray and continually pray that the message of the gospel, the real message will continue to go, to gain ground. That the church might rise up and Christians might be free. Free in their hearts.

Free in their relationship. Free to serve the Lord and walk in victory. This is what I truly believe in my heart.

And I believe that young people and even Christians of every age, married or not, take care about what God is saying in his word. So that we may live a righteous life and become examples and models. It's something glorious when you see a young boy and a young girl in Christ come together with one heart.

And it testifies in your heart. And we've got a witness of that is of God. And you see these two people grow up and they are united, not only in the spirit, but they're going to serve the Lord together.

It is glorious. It is something that your heart rejoices for. You rejoice to see young people getting into marriage in that spirit.

Where they respect one another. Where they don't want to fool around and take chances. They live in the light.

They don't live in darkness. I believe that's the plan of God. I strongly believe that this is the plan of God.

That's why no one needs to be discouraged or whatever. God is alive. God can bring people together.

God can speak in a dream. God can speak in his word. God can give you just one word.

God can enlighten your eye once again and you fall on that person, bang, and say, this is it. God can do anything, but it's got to be from the Lord. That's why I believe that God can bring hearts of people together.

God can do it. God knows the future. He knows the future.

He knows everything for our lives. And he wants us to walk a pure, clean life as a young person. There is no difference between a young person and an aged person, and a grown up.

We are all in the same church, the church of Jesus Christ. We hear all the same gospel. And the same Lord and the same Spirit takes our hearts and lives and brings us to walk in his will, in his plan for our lives.

It's one of the things that rejoices my heart when I see a young boy and a young girl in the plan of the Lord getting married together to serve the Lord. To serve the Lord. You know if you don't get married to serve the Lord, you are in problems.

But when you get married to serve the Lord, that's another thing. Amen? And when you get married to serve the Lord, you know. You know you are on the right track.

You know you are on the right track. Amen? So is that question clear for you? Is that question clear for you? Is there a doubt in your heart? That's why young people, it's better to be patient. Better to be patient than to try things.

Don't try things. Open your heart. Let God speak.

As you know what type of life you need to live before marriage. Is that clear for everyone here today? Is it very clear? Clear. Amen? I love you guys.

I love you guys. I want the best for your life. I want you to get in the plan of God.

I want you to be able to stand before God on the day of your marriage. And from the day that you've understood the plan of God as a young person. From that day, maybe it's your day today to understand that.

Maybe you have messed it up. And today is your day to grasp the gospel. And you say, Lord, from that day on, I'm going to do what you want me to do.

I'm going to live my Christian life before marriage as your word declares. I'm not going to just try and put my hand into all sorts of things. I'm ready to live that kind of life until I get married.

Until that day comes. And from now on to that day, I'll be an example. I'll be a model of a young Christian who can serve the Lord with a pure heart.

Who can serve the Lord in a holy life. God can. How many of you know that God can? If you know, you stand up and we praise the Lord.

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