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MATES, DATES & MARRIAGES Godly Attraction Group Study

Message Link 2: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPs9wgsKWBo

God designed relationships to be built in order - spirit, soul, and body - while the world often reverses this. The Song of Songs reminds us that true beauty flows from the heart, not outward appearance, and spiritual foundations lead to lasting joy and security. Strong relationships are marked by pursuing God together, encouraging faith, and practicing sacrificial love through prayer, worship, and shared values. Men are called to lead spiritually, honouring and cherishing their partners. Emotional connection - through affirmation, kindness, and joy - is as vital as physical attraction, while purity protects God's design for intimacy. Whether relationships are thriving or struggling, God restores and renews. Placing Him at the centre brings healing, wholeness, and fresh beginnings. Lasting love is found in growing together with Christ at the core.

Key Scriptures

- Song of Songs 1:1–7
- Proverbs 31:30 "Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.")
- Joshua 24:15 "... As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."
- Mark 12:30

Key Takeaways

- God's order for attraction is spiritual first, emotional second, physical third. The world flips that, and that's why so many relationships feel unstable.
- Spiritual attraction means: "Do we both love and fear God, submit to His word, and pursue His presence?"
- Emotional attraction means we build safety, honour, clarity, and trust. We speak life, think good thoughts, and leave no room for insecurity about value or affection.
- Physical attraction is not sinful, but it's designed to be outworked with holiness, timing, and covenant. Out of order = confusion and compromise. In order = blessing and longevity.
- You don't get a godly relationship by 'finding the one.' You become the kind of person who can love an imperfect person with Christlike love.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What does consecration (set-apart devotion to God) practically look like in dating, engagement, or marriage right now?
- Where have you seen the world's order (body → emotions → maybe God later) create drama, jealousy, insecurity, or pain — either in your story or in people around you?
- Spiritual attraction was defined as "I love Jesus more than I could ever love you."
 Does that feel freeing, confronting, or threatening? Why?
- Emotional attraction was described as building safety with honour, words, consistency, and presence. How are you doing at that? Are you easy to be emotionally safe with?
- "Don't leave room for them to wonder how you feel about them." Who in your life needs to hear life-giving words from you this week encouragement, honour, or gratitude?
- Where are you tempted to compromise your standards because of loneliness, pressure, or attention? What step of obedience would look like "I will not stand like a veiled woman"?
- Married couples: When was the last "faith step" you led together spiritually (praying out loud together, making a God-first decision, serving, giving, obeying)? Singles: Who is helping you stay accountable to God-first standards?

LEADER TIPS

- Keep the conversation shame-free. The point is not "what's been done," it's "what we build next."
- Give space to singles, dating, and married voices different seasons, same call to holiness.
- End by praying out loud for each other's future and current relationships: protection, purity, courage, and a hunger for God first.