



“Marriage”
Bad Dates & Great Mates Series
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*“Honor marriage and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wives and husbands.”
Hebrews 13:4*

3 Misconceptions about Marriage:

Misconception #1: I have to be MARRIED to be HAPPY.

Misconception #2: A successful marriage is all about being in LOVE.

Misconception #3: I may have married the WRONG person.

The Math of Marriage in stages:

Stage 1: ENGAGEMENT

- The math in the engagement stage is 1 + 1 = 2.

2 Corinthians 6:14

Stage 2: CEREMONY

The math of a CONTRACT is 1 + 1 = 2.

But the math of a COVENANT is 1 + 1 = 1.

- “A man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.” Genesis 2:24
- I have to become LESS as an individual so WE can become GREATER as a couple!

1 Corinthians 7:3-4

1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Stage 3: TILL DEATH DO US PART

Math: 1 + 1 + 1 = A LIFETIME

Psalms 127:1

4 Action-Steps of Marriage:

Step #1: At least once a DAY, express your LOVE & PRAY for your spouse!

Step #2: At least once a WEEK, DATE your spouse!

Step #3: At least once a MONTH, give EXTENDED FOCUS to your marriage.

Step #4: At least once a YEAR, GO AWAY with your spouse.

1 Corinthians 13:7