

Chapter 1

Revealed

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Stand fast therefore in the freedom that Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage. (Galatians 5:1) In the process of dating and meeting other men, I attracted a man who caught my interest, but we did not develop a successful relationship because I was not healed from my past experiences. I did not understand who I was in Christ Jesus. I was afraid I was failing God if I didn't try to make it work. Not knowing that this person was not the one God was leading me to.

However, some people may not be prepared to be in a serious inclusive relationship which could lead to marriage and fatherhood, or they may not be on the same spiritual journey as you. You don't want to discover later that the person you're dating has a different kind of connection with God and is not equally yoked with you. But we do not know each other's heart. Only God knows that. (Proverbs 21:2) Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the heart.

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8) Love is patient, love is kind. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no records of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Love never fails.

I hope that the lessons I learned from my experiences during my time of dating can be useful for you, especially for Christian women who are looking for a Christian man who is spiritually compatible and who is willing to grow spiritually with them. Who is to say that will not happen?

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Suggestion

A great place to start, depending on your spiritual journey and how deeply you want to explore the nature of the Godhead (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), is the Gospel of John, which beautifully highlights their role in salvation. Also, reading Psalms and Proverbs gives you wisdom, understanding, and knowledge about life and relationships.

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Discussion Questions

1. How can you tell what degree of Christianity the person you're dating is functioning? (i.e. carnal or spiritual)

2. What is your purpose for dating and being in a serious relationship?

3. Do you consider yourself having a healthy relationship with God? (with the Heavenly Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit)

4. Do you believe the person you are dating has a healthy relationship with God?