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## Marriage Series: How do I honor God in my relationships?

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Relationships shape much of life, and few relationships carry as much influence as marriage and close partnership. Scripture offers a vision for relationships that is deeper than happiness, comfort, or compatibility. It calls people to pursue holiness, sacrifice, and mutual growth toward God. Throughout Ephesians 5, God's design for marriage is revealed as something intentional, challenging, and profoundly meaningful. Marriage is pictured as two individuals pursuing God, growing closer to Him, and, in that pursuit, growing closer to one another. Even seasons of singleness are portrayed as purposeful, not provisional, offering space for clarity, growth, and calling. Whether married, dating, or single, the invitation is the same: pursue God wholeheartedly and allow relationships to be shaped by that pursuit rather than the other way around.

### Key Scripture | Ephesians 5:15-17

"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is."

### Related Scriptures

— Ephesians 5:3, 1 Corinthians 7:9, Proverbs 30:18-19, 1 Corinthians 7:26-28, 1 Corinthians 7:32, Ephesians 4:32, Ephesians 5:28-31

### Icebreakers:

— Q: What's the best (or worst) relationship advice you've ever received?

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## Key Thoughts and Reflections: \_\_\_\_\_

### I. Pursuing God as the Center of my Relationships

Q: What practical steps can you take to personally move closer to God right now?

Q: How does your pursuit of God shape the way you relate to others (dating, marriage, friendships)?

Q: Where have you noticed personal spiritual growth bringing relational growth—or distance?

### II. Move Toward God, Not Just Toward Relationship

Q: What's the difference between pursuing a relationship and pursuing God in your current season?

Q: Where might you be prioritizing connection with someone over connection with God?

Q: What would it look like to reorder your priorities around Jesus this week?

### III. Align Your Relationship with God's Design

Q: What stands out to you about God's design for relationships from Ephesians 5?

Q: Where do your current habits, boundaries, or expectations align—or conflict—with that design?

Q: What's one step you can take to move your relationships closer to God's design?

## Get Practical \_\_\_\_\_

Next week we'll dive into Ephesians 6 and the Unshakeable series, take a deliberate step to prepare spiritually and relationally. Commit to reading Ephesians 6:10–20 throughout the week and choose a fast (one meal, one day, or more) to refocus your heart on the spiritual battle that shapes everything you see and do. Use the series guide each week to take notes, and lean into the devotions to filter your worldview through Scripture. If you are not already connected to an Unshakeable group, text **GROUPS to 37748** and jump in. These groups are designed to help you process, pray, and stand firm together. Come ready, come engaged, and come expectant for what God wants to build over the next four weeks.