IS THIS THE RIGHT PERSON?

**Biblical Reference:** “And the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.” (Genesis 2:18)

I. **CLASS OBJECTIVES**

1. To understand the importance of staying under God’s covering and within the walls of protection indicated in His Word.

2. To encourage every person to live each stage of their lives without rushing.

3. To understand that God gave us the power of choice and the benefits of choosing His way.

4. To understand that God called us to restore families.

II. **INTRODUCTION**

God has said that it is not good for man to be alone and so He blessed him with a helper comparable to Him, a suitable one. Perhaps a great number of people are asking themselves, “Who’s the right person for me? Am I ready to get married? How do I handle my emotions?”

A number of questions may come up that can sometimes be confusing.

It is interesting to see what the Word of God teaches us about the right and wrong ways of starting a relationship; there we find examples of people who did things the right way but we also find others who did not – and this why we need to understand God’s ways for our lives today.

III. **LESSON: IS THIS THE RIGHT PERSON?**

A. **The Right Kind of Friendships**

1. The first thing we should do is to be cautious with our friendships and relationships. The Bible teaches us about a young girl named Dinah, Jacob’s Daughter. Her parents and siblings loved her. I’m sure they had given her certain parameters, limits and boundaries. Not to mention training.

But if you look at Genesis 34:1-2, something happened.
Now Dinah, the daughter of Leah, whom she had borne to Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and violated her.

Dinah sought friends she did not need. She formed close friendships that were not in her best interest, with girls from a completely pagan city. Perhaps she thought she could bring them closer to God. That was not the case; however, as those friends pulled her away from God. Like Dinah, some may ask, why can’t I be a friend with certain persons even if they don’t share my values? The answer is that they can possibly contaminate your life and lead you to do things that are not pleasing to the Lord. It is important for us to ask the Lord to give us wisdom when developing godly relationships.

B. Keep Yourself from the World

1. The second thing we see in Dinah is that she exposed herself to the dangers of this world. Once a person walks into the enemy’s territory, they can be attacked severely because the enemy is looking to destroy lives.

2. This is why it is important to be under God’s covering. He gives us several coverings:
   - Our parents
   - Our Pastors/Church
   - Our G12/Life group leaders

   When we walk away from these coverings voluntarily, the enemy launches attacks on our lives. The anointing to overcome each temptation the world sends your way is within you.

3. The characteristic that brings a person under the spiritual covering is obedience. It teaches parameters, boundaries, principles and how to do things the right way. Make the decision today to be an obedient person to God and His Word, knowing that He always wants the best for you. Some people think they are always right and block out other people’s teachings and attempts to show them a greater path. Nevertheless, it is important to listen to your parents’ advice as well as your spiritual parents and your leaders, the people God places over you to guide you.

   Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. (Hebrews 13:17)

C. Living Free of Shame and Dishonor

1. By not following the values that were established, Dinah was put to shame and dishonored. She experienced much grief and went through something that nobody would want to experience. All her suffering was a direct consequence of ignoring the limits outlined at home.
2. It is necessary for each of us to learn to guard the integrity and purity of our hearts. This is a very serious matter.

**Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)**
Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

D. Knowing How to Wait for God’s Timing

1. Many people, like Dinah, let themselves get carried away by loneliness, dissatisfaction or even by their friends. They do not wait for God’s timing.

   a. Waiting allows us to work on the foundation -- our character in God. God wants to bless us in our relationships, but due to lack of character, we could fail or miss an opportunity. Success occurs when we are ready to take hold of an opportunity. Work on the foundations of your life while you wait for God’s blessing.

   b. Waiting on God gives us the necessary strength to achieve His promises. The current generation wants things the quick and easy way and so waiting can seem unbearable. The Lord, however, wants to build His character in us. Romans 5:3 says, “Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.”

   James 2:2-4 says, “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”

   c. Waiting leads to obedience. Abraham had received God’s calling and for it to be achieved he had to be obedient. Once he received it, he immediately acted out of obedience. He simply obeyed and did not question God’s Word.

   d. Waiting helps to be less attached and more open to change. The Christian life is full of emotions. God’s ways are higher than our own ways (Isa. 55:9). We can become attached to what we’ve achieved and sometimes question change, but God has more extraordinary things in store for each and every one of us. We should cultivate an open heart and try to understand God’s will. If we need to let go of something, we should do it because it contributes to our well-being.

   e. Waiting shows God’s faithfulness. God is never late. He always rewards us with the best. All our hopes and desires will go through a “filter” called: GOD’S TIMING. Ecclesiastes 3:1, 5b-6; 8a “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under Heaven: A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to gain, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to love and a time to hate.”
IV. CONCLUSION

Before meeting Eve, Adam was working in Paradise; in the garden that God had given him. I leave this with you: Work on the garden that God has given you. Which one? Your calling. Your Life Group. You should work in the calling that God gave you. Cultivate it; take care of it so your heart will be ready. It is important to teach our people, our church and our friends to build a family in God.