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WHERE LIFE AND RELATIONSHIPS BEGIN



New International Version is used for questions

1. Pastor Rick said that relationships should be based on truth, commitment, and purpose and not on feelings. What do you think of that statement? Why shouldn't they be **based** on feelings? Have you ever had a feeling about someone and found out your feeling was wrong?
2. What three things does our culture teach us to base our relationships on? What has been the result of this on marriages?
3. Pastor Rick asked the questions "Since when did your personal happiness become God's primary purpose for your life"? He answered by saying it isn't and never has been, do you agree with this? What did he say is God's primary purpose(s) for our lives? Do you think most Christians understand this or agree with this?
4. When speaking about finding the right person to marry or even have as a boyfriend/girlfriend, Pastor Rick said "Become the type of person the person you are looking for is looking for." What does that mean? Why is that so important? Read Psalm 119:36. What does this verse teach us about the person we should be?
5. What are the three "musts" for finding the right type of person for a relationship? What are some of the "red flags" that we should never ignore?
6. Read Ruth 3:1-11. What was the reason Naomi told Ruth to go and lay at the feet of Boaz, was it sexual in nature?
7. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4. Pastor Rick said that boundaries don't restrict love, they protect it. What are three guardrails that will help protect us? What are some physical boundaries we should set in our dating relationships? What are some compromising situations to avoid whether you are married or not?

- fect that, and our decisions should be based on truth, not on how we feel at any given time.
2. What three things does our culture teach us to base our relationships on? What has been the result of this on marriages? *The three things are: a. follow your heart, b. trust your feelings, and c. there is chemistry so it must be right.*
 3. *God is most concerned with our character, not our comfort or our happiness. Obedience to His God's will and purposes are what he is most concerned with and if He needs to make you unhappy because of the bad decisions you are making, He will. Most Christians live as if their happiness is what God should be most concerned with and get mad at Him when he is not.*
 4. *You need to be the godly person that you are looking for because if you are looking for a person who loves God and serves him to be your partner and you are not that type of person, it is not fair to the other person because you will influence them in a negative way spiritually.*
 5. What are the three "musts" for finding the right type of person for a relationship? What are some of the "red flags" that we should never ignore? *The three musts are: a. look for character, not just attraction, make sure the person is consistent, faithful, and trustworthy, and c. never ignore "red flags" just because there is chemistry.*
 6. *It was not sexual in nature, it was a cultural way for Ruth to let Boaz know that she was interested and that it was his responsibility to be the kinsman-redeemer.*
 7. *The three guardrails are: a. set physical and emotional boundaries, b. avoid compromising situations, and c. choose holiness over temporary pleasure.*