



Sunday, February 20, 2022

RELATIONSHIP GOALS

Part 3 – A Single Bond

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Song of Solomon 8:8-10 NIV We have a young sister, and her breasts are not yet grown. What shall we do for our sister for the day she is spoken for? If she is a wall, we will build towers of silver on her. If she is a door, we will enclose her with panels of cedar. I am a wall, and my breasts are like towers. Thus I have become in his eyes like one bringing contentment.

1. Covenant _____.

2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV And we...are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory...

Luke 2:52 NIV And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

2. Covenant _____.

Job 31:1 NIV I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl.

2 Corinthians 6:14-15 NIV Do not be yoked together with unbelievers... What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

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2 Corinthians 6:17-7:1 NIV Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty. Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

IS IT TOO LATE?

Titus 3:3-7 MSG It wasn't so long ago that we ourselves were stupid and stubborn, dupes of sin, ordered every which way by our glands, going around with a chip on our shoulder, hated and hating back. But when God, our kind and loving Savior God, stepped in, he saved us from all that. It was all his doing; we had nothing to do with it. He gave us a good bath, and we came out of it new people, washed inside and out by the Holy Spirit. Our Savior Jesus poured out new life so generously. God's gift has restored our relationship with him and given us back our lives. And there's more life to come—an eternity of life!

1. _____ sincerely.

1 John 1:9 NLT But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

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Luke 9:61-62 NLT Another said, "Yes, Lord, I will follow you, but first let me say good-bye to my family." But Jesus told him, "Anyone who puts a hand to the plow and then looks back is not fit for the Kingdom of God."

3. _____ wholeheartedly.

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