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for in the day that thou eatest thereof
thou shalt surely die.**

Genesis 2:16-17

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INTRODUCTION



Dear Reader,

The message you are about to read was preached in Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, in July 2002. At that time the Lord laid on our hearts to hold a week long summer camp for the youth, who are a vital part of our fellowships. When I say youth, I mean it was six young people (one boy and five girls). Have you ever been at a camp with so few individuals? It doesn't even sound like a camp but rather a big family, doesn't it? However, what we were to learn was a simple principle of God, *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them* (Matthew 18:20). God was in our midst so mightily that the lives of all those present were changed forever – young as well as old. Not that we did not know the Lord before: all of us were saved by the Blood of Jesus, baptized in water and many even in the Holy Spirit. However, the presence of the Lord in our midst was so strong and marvelous that we were not able to remain the same. Our lives took a new and a fresh dedication with regard to our walk with Jesus as well as our service unto Him.

The whole week had three basic rules in the natural:

1. Obedience at the first call: We have seen many times in the Bible that people called by God were disobedient and, as a consequence of that disobedience, they lost their calling, the presence of God in their daily walk, and many times even their lives. Therefore, we wanted to learn to be obedient to the Lord through obedience to those who were in authority over us. And so we obeyed when somebody asked us to do something or not to do something and didn't question it as many children

and young people are used to doing these days. What blessing did we receive by doing that? You would have to ask our young people but I am confident they would say, "Great!"

2. No complaints were allowed to be heard from the mouth of any of the participants (both young and old). We didn't want to be as the children of Israel in the wilderness who kept complaining and complaining and complaining until God could not stand it any more and destroyed many of them. We wanted to receive all the blessings God had for us with a grateful heart, thus having the joy of the Lord with us continuously. Have you ever noticed how unhappy people are when they are complaining?

3. We had to eat everything that was set before us after giving praise to God and asking Him to bless and sanctify it. This rule was not only aimed at satisfying our cooks but mainly to learn another principle of God – thanksgiving to Him for all we were receiving. We also understood in the Lord that one day these young people would be sent to the mission field. They would be expected to go to many different places in the world where they would have to eat everything offered to them in order to not offend a willing giver and thus not close the door for preaching the word of God. (This rule proved to be particularly helpful on the foreign trips to the USA and Jamaica that followed in the next couple of years.)

What did we do during the whole seven days? Every morning we would have a time of fellowship where we would study different scriptures in the Bible about faith. We read about men of faith, learned why they were called by God as such and how we could become men and women of faith so that our Father in heaven would be pleased with us. We also read different missionary stories how God moved because one individual believed in His power.

After our Bible studies we would proceed to some daily activity. We would spend time in the woods finding hidden Bible verses and learning them by heart. We had a contest in downtown Prague in order to learn about the history of, as they say, the most beautiful city in the world, which was founded in the 11th century. We visited one of the famous Czech castles called Konopiste where we not only learned how

to survive in the desert, as well as how to communicate well with one another, but there were also birds of prey flying right over our heads, touching our hair and landing on our arms. Sometimes we would just go swimming or hide in the house and rest. But in all of these things we would learn to keep our minds set on God and walk with Him.

One day, after spending a very powerful morning having the Lord speak to us about faith and us praying that He would give us a real life experience which would build our faith, we were traveling by car in this little village when one of our cars ran over a dog. It really was not the driver's fault as he was not able to prevent the dog from jumping into the street at the last minute. The car stopped and everybody jumped out of it. The dog lay dead on the road. His owner, a man about 75 years old, was standing on the sidewalk ready to cry. One of the brothers had compassion on the old man, went to him and asked him, "Would you mind if we prayed for your dog?" As the man didn't object at all but seemed to welcome the offer, the brethren surrounded the dog, laid hands on him and prayed for the spirit of life to come back to him. Suddenly, the dog rose up and ran away. When the old man saw it, he shouted, "You must be holy men!" and the door for preaching the gospel was opened.

Our evenings were dedicated to spending time together in the Lord. Sometimes we would watch a video with different stories to build our faith; sometimes we would sing and share our own experiences with God; sometimes we would have preachings on different subjects. One of these subjects was partnership and marriage, which we take the liberty to present to you in this book. Why was this very message so important for all of us? Because the Holy Spirit gave us the understanding that our life does not begin after we get married, as many people who are looking for their life partner think. We also understood that our life can be very happy and fulfilled before being married as well as after being married, or very miserable and unfulfilled both before and after being married – all depending on our aim and perspective with regard to our life and walk with God. Basically, we learned about our purpose in life, how to find happiness, how partnership fits in it all,

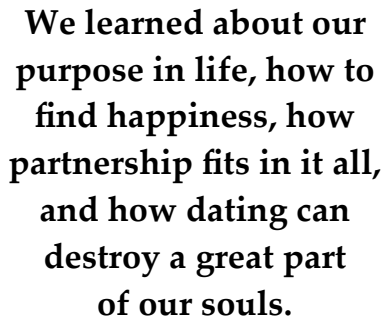
and how dating can destroy a great part of our souls.

The last day of our camp we just sat together and shared our testimonies about what the week meant to us. (You can find some of them on the following pages.) To sum it all up, we have never been the same since. Our lives have been changed for eternity. Since that time we have made a big step forward in following the Lord. Some of our young people have surpassed many adults in the knowledge of God, in hearing His voice and walking in His paths.

We commit this message to all those who are desiring God's best in their lives. We are trusting Him to open your understanding so that you might receive as much blessing and deliverance as we did.

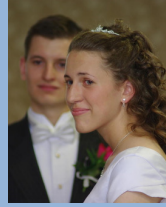
On behalf of those who participated in the camp, yours in Christ,

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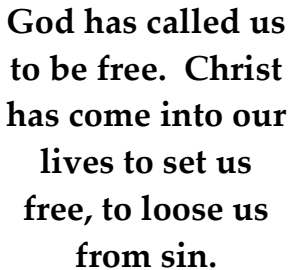
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I think God has given us a great opportunity to be able to gather together here today. It is on my heart to flow in God and to rejoice in Him for He has given us good things. Do you know what we are going to talk about today? We are going to talk about how God has called us to be free. (Translator's note: The word for "free" in the Czech language has the same meaning as the word "single.") I would like us to feel free at this very moment. Be free, brethren; free from all feelings which are coming to you, from all fears, from everything you have brought with you and what man faces throughout the day, as well as from everything that man is condemned by. For God doesn't condemn. God doesn't condemn! The only moment we feel God condemns is when we condemn. Do you know that? When you stop condemning, you will find out that nothing is condemning you. For God doesn't condemn you. And who else has the right to condemn you? So be free.

God has called us to be free; to be free from sin. This is the greatest of God's calling. I think the biggest problem we have is when we as Christians do not grasp hold of God's calling. It is a great shame, for God has called us to be free. We know it, but we don't walk in it. Instead, we walk in our religion, in our fears, bondages, and condemnations. But the gospel means "good news" so that you can shake off all pointless thoughts, all fears and bondages, as well as condemnations, and be free. Then, someone can come to you and tell you whatever he pleases, but you know the truth. He can tell you, "Brother, you are doing this wrong, you are wrong there; you are such and such; you are horrible in this, you are not doing this and you are doing that." But you are free because you

know that God has received you. You know you have a relationship with God. You know that everything between you and God is pure, and you can be free.



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So, this is roughly tonight's topic. We are having a meeting for single people here and this is what we wanted to talk about because it is the basis of everything. It is the basis of marriage, and the basis of everything related to marriage, as well as the basis of our whole walk. God has called us to be free. Christ has come into our lives to set us free, to loose us

from sin. One of Satan's greatest deceptions happened right in the beginning in Genesis. Let me read it to you. God made man in His image and told him what he was to do. Notice this! He told him what he was to do. Do you know that a much greater commandment of God is what we should do, rather than what we shouldn't do? Do you know that God doesn't care too much about what we shouldn't do? You have to understand now. Who, therefore, cares about it the most? Devil and man! When you realize that during your whole day you perceive God as somebody who is telling you that you are not to do something, you know who is talking to you. The devil. God doesn't spend His time telling you what you are not to do. God doesn't spend His time telling you what you are not to eat. God tells you, "Eat this." Therefore, when someone comes to you telling you what you are to do and it is righteous, then it is the Lord. God says, "Do this, do that, but beware of this." This is the Lord. However, if you are under the impression that your whole life from the morning till the evening is conducted by the things you must not do and you have a mind to constantly rebel against it, then you have to know it is not of God. You are to be free. God didn't come into our lives to enslave us. He came into our lives to restrain us in a certain way; to restrain us, but unto righteousness. I can see that one of the biggest problems of this subject, the

subject of marriage and life before marriage, is that we don't know God, that we are afraid of God. We don't know that God is good. Somewhere we have succumbed to the lie that God comes and says, "You mustn't do this, you mustn't do that, you mustn't do that..." and that life with God is basically full of suffering and cannot be any different, because through suffering we must enter into the kingdom of God.

A few days ago I was on the road with a brother with whom I really like to spend time. He has been feeding somewhere on something good, because recently he has been growing very fast in the Lord. I am almost afraid he is going to outgrow me soon.☺ I feel very good being with him in the sense that this brother, somewhere along his way with God, came to the understanding that God is good and that He means well for his life. Also, that what God is giving him is only good, and as he keeps taking and taking from God, he has no time to sin anymore. I want to say that this is God's thinking; this is God's principle. I am glad I can agree on it with this brother and I always feel good in it. When we are together, we don't talk about what we mustn't do and what is wrong to do, but we talk about how good God is; what all He has been doing, what all He has given us, and what else is still awaiting us in our lives. I believe that, thanks to this, a certain liberty has come into this brother's life, a certain knowledge and expansion and opportunity to follow on with God.

I would like to read Genesis 2:16. I am sure you know the context of the story of when God created man and set him in the paradise. Ask anyone, including Christians, what

God said to man and they will answer you, "You mustn't eat of such and such a tree." Let us have a look at what the Bible says, *And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree*

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of the garden thou mayest freely eat. God said this! It means, ...of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat. How many trees were there? Two? Eight? Ten? I am sure there were more than two, weren't there? Verse 17, But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. How many trees of the knowledge of good and evil were there? One? And how many did you say there were of the others? Eight? Ten?

You know, this is God's thinking. God didn't come into your life to say, "You have two trees here, eat of one but don't eat of the other." Or, "Make sure you do not eat of this tree!" But God says, "Look, I have given you the whole orchard. There is one tree next to the other. One fruit tree next to the other. Each one of them will feed you and bless you. There is only one tree in the whole orchard that I do not want you to eat of. Not because I just don't want you to, but because the day you eat of it, you will die."

I am going to read to you how the devil, the serpent, thinks. It is in Genesis 3 and in my Bible it has a headline, which really is not a part of the Word of God but is very truthful: "About the first sin and sorrowful fall of man." The fall of man was absolutely sorrowful because man died and was separated from God.

Genesis 3:1, *Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God has made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? Do you understand? The devil comes and says, "Has God forbidden you everything? Has God restricted you? Has He taken away everything from you?" Do you understand? He was very smart. It is written here that he was very subtle. The woman heard it clearly, but at this moment she was not yet deceived.*

Genesis 3:2-3, *And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: ³But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.*

At this point the woman made a mistake. She shouldn't have talked with him. Not at all. Although she reasoned with him well, she should have sent him away immediately! "Get

thee behind me, Satan!" should have been here. Unfortunately, it is not.

Genesis 3:4-6, *And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ⁵For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. ⁶And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.*

You know, brethren, God has given us to eat of all the trees. If you want to remember something of today's word then remember this: God has given us to eat of all the trees.

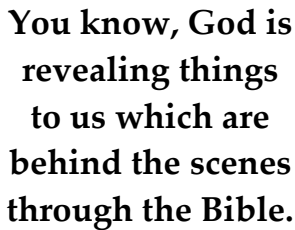
God's principle is, "Eat!" Satan comes and says, "Do I understand correctly that God says you mustn't eat anything? You mustn't eat any of this? You mustn't eat anything here? You poor people! Is He starving you?" And you reply, "No, not at all. We eat of all the trees. He has told us only about this one tree that if we eat it, we will die." And Satan replies,

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"Come on, you will not die. No, you will surely not die. Look! God knows He is holding you a little short. Try to explore it for yourselves, check it out. No, you will not die but you will be like God! You will be mature! You will know everything, you will learn everything."

And so Eve looked and said to herself, "Well, after all, it looks good. Looking at it, it is good to eat, pleasant to the eyes, a tree to be desired to make one wise; I will be smarter, I will have some knowledge, I will understand something, I will be more mature." And so she took it and ate. What happened? Who was right? Did they die or not? They did die. Do you know how I know it? Do you know how I know who is right? God is always right. This is how the devil sometimes

comes and deceives us. He says, "Ye shall not surely die." And man does not obey God and says to himself, "Well, see, I didn't die." Don't be mistaken. They did die. They died because God is looking at life from a different point of view. God is not concerned so much about us dying physically;



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getting hit by a car or something else happening. But they realized that they were not free anymore! Suddenly, they were afraid. They were afraid of God. They were afraid and suddenly they ceased to have a relationship with God in their lives; they ceased to have peace with God; they ceased to have righteousness. And a

great fall came into the whole of mankind. Do you know that what happened in September in America (9/11/2001) is the result of Adam and Eve's fall and death; the result of the fact that death came to Adam's life and it began to manifest itself and creep in everywhere? Their son became a murderer. And so, did they die or not? They did die.

That was the first chapter of our subject for the day. Do you understand it? I believe it is important to understand what is happening so that nobody can deceive us. For example, when someone comes on TV and says something, God can give you knowledge as if you went into the room where it is being made and listened to what is being said behind the scenes. Somebody may say, for example, "Before the election we will tell the people that we will give all of them CZK 500 (Translators note: approximately \$18). That way they will vote for us, but afterwards we will not give them anything." God has been revealing things to us so that we would not be deceived when somebody comes and tells us something; so that we would know the truth; so that we would know what is going on behind the scenes.

You know, God is revealing things to us which are behind the scenes through the Bible. We can see the story only on one level and therefore we have to pray and say, "Lord, show me

how it is, so that when Satan comes to me I will not be deceived." Has the devil ever come to you? Has he ever talked to you? In a moment like this you first have to know that he is the evil one. You have to know it. When he comes, you need to know that he is seducing you into death. He will reason with you, he will press his points to you and say, "You can't do all these things?" Watch out! He will also be saying, "Are your parents telling you, or your brethren, or God that you will die? No! You will not die! Don't be afraid!" Be afraid! Because by man giving himself to the devil, death comes into his life.

The headline in the 3rd chapter of Genesis is truthful because it really was a sorrowful fall. You know, not only death entered in, but also life departed. Suddenly, Adam and Eve were doing much worse than before. Do you know how they lived afterwards? They were exiled from paradise so they couldn't eat all that good fruit anymore. They had some eight, ten (thousand) trees that were good to eat. Do you know what kind of feast it was? Fruit without worms, full of life, full of juices! But they died and lost it all.

This is what I would like to tell you. I don't want to talk too much about the tree of knowledge of good and evil, but I want to talk about the good fruit, as this is what God has for us. God has good things for us. Life with God, which He is offering to us, is full of good fruit, so much so that you won't even know what to do with it all. So much so that you will be full to overflowing. So much so that there will be rivers of living water flowing out of your belly. God has good fruit for you. Their disobedience meant they harmed themselves, for they lost this good fruit. They lost everything and suddenly they began to sweat; they began to labor and they began to eat the herbs of the field so that they would survive. This was the fall of man. I am on the height where I can get fed with good quality fruit, and suddenly, "bang," I fall down and am creeping in the dust.

God is calling us to be free, to eat the fruit, to enjoy it. God is not calling us to come out of Egypt, but to enter into the Promised Land. This is God's principle. What is the coming out of Egypt for? God wants us to arrive in the Promised

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Land. Do you know what the Promised Land is all about? Listen to what God says. He will lead us into the Promised Land which is overflowing with milk and honey. God says, "I have brought you out of Egypt." Do you know what Egypt is? It is the world; it is slavery. When God says, "I brought you out of the world when you were saved," it is not the most important thing. The

most important thing is that He is leading you to the land full of milk and honey, full of delicious things. Do you know what kind of fruit was there? Delicious! Do you know how big the grapes were? Huge! Two men had to carry them on a rod. They took a rod, hung a bunch of grapes on it and two men carried it. God is calling us to eat fruit so that we would be doing well.

Do you believe in prosperity? You should believe in it, brethren. God is calling us to prosper, to eat the fruit. If you don't eat the fruit, if you are not doing well with God, then ask God. Sometimes we need to go through a certain wilderness to get to the Promised Land, but it does not take forty years. It is not about us walking forty years in the wilderness. Something wrong happened there. God is not calling us to spend our whole life in the wilderness but to spend it by eating honey and milk. The land will be overflowing with delicious things, delicious fruit. Do you know that? Do not be cheated; do not be deceived! Do not be seduced by the devil who is telling you something else. You would not be the first one. Do not be deceived! God has wonderful things for you, excellent land, so that you would conquer this excellent land and walk in the fulfillment of the Lord. With this we therefore close the first chapter.

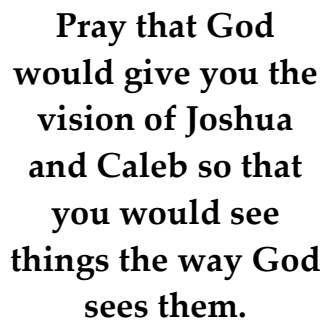
I was saying, "Be free," for this is the fruit; this is the fullness of that fruit; this is the fullness of God. I believe that if your ears can hear, if you can hear in the Spirit, then you

should feel bubbles in your inward parts. Even as when Joshua went into the Promised Land and saw it, he came back and said, "This is an incredible land! This is a tremendous land! Land where there is fullness of fruit. Wonderful land! Yes, there are giants there but it is an excellent land."

Joshua and Caleb were the only two men who finally entered in out of all those who had any responsibility and who were twenty years old or more. The others were saying, "There are giants there, it's terrible! Well, there is some fruit there, too." They saw the same thing, but at the same time they didn't see the same thing. Pray that God would give you the vision of Joshua and Caleb so that you would see things the way God sees them.

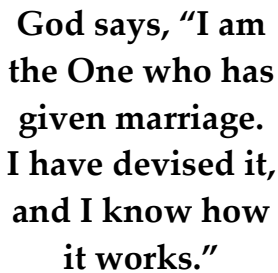
Marriage. Before we get to talk about pre-marriage, we need to know what marriage is. When we want to enter into something, we have to know what we are entering into so that we would know how to enter into it. Therefore, we will start the second chapter by talking about marriage.

Who devised marriage? God. It was not the Czech Republic, nor the Slovak Republic, nor the Pope (he basically came up with the thought that it is wrong and said that those who are to lead by an example should be single – therefore unmarried). No culture made it up, nor Indians, nor ancient Greeks, but God. It is God's institution. God created man as a man and a woman. It means, if I understand it correctly, that man is not whole if he is only a man or only a woman. He/she is missing something. It is interesting, isn't it? God created man as a man and a woman. So what are you missing when you don't have a husband or a wife? For example, children. Or love. If you want to love, you cannot love when you are alone. Friendship. And God has put it into our hearts. God is, of course, fulfilling these things in us and



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many of them He is able to fulfill in us by Himself, but do not be afraid of marriage if you don't have a special gift to remain single. This is a very rare gift and definitely could not include half of you. I would dare say that none of us here has it. It is a special gift for a specific task and a specific time. God says, "I



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am the One who has given marriage. I have devised it and I know how it works." Have you ever seen that God did something wrong? No. He has never done anything wrong and therefore even marriage, in God, is a wonderful thing. God has given marriage and it is a wonderful thing. Why has God given marriage? So that we would know God, so that a man would not be alone in getting to know God, so

that he would not be alone in what God wants from him.

You know, we do not live so that we would just marry and have children. God has much greater and better things for us than "only" marriage. If we only had marriage and children, it would be quite boring. Our life would not be fulfilled. If you think that your life will be fulfilled in marriage and in children, it is not true. It is not true. Your life can be perfectly fulfilled even before you enter into marriage and before you have children and at the same time it can be perfectly fulfilled when you are married and have children. Or, your life can be totally miserable before you are married and have children and the same after you are married and have children. Do you believe it? Maybe a little bit more miserable. If you have a miserable life and you are waiting for marriage to deliver you, then it is a tragedy, for it will be even more miserable then.

It is necessary to have your life fulfilled first and not to seek marriage and not to have a need for it. Your soul will be fulfilled; God will fill your desires. God will give you marriage because He has a certain plan with you. Do you know it is not you who says, "God, give me marriage," and God who says, "Okay, okay." Do you know this? It is quite the oppo-

site. God says, "I have a plan for your life. Now you are zero years old, you have just been born, but I already have a plan for you and am preparing different situations for you. One situation will come in ten years time. I have one individual who is going to be born in two years. When he is eight and you are ten, I want you two to meet at a playground that you don't know yet, and I want you to tell him about Christ and save him. I have a plan for you. You don't know it because it is going to be in ten years time. But I need you to do certain things. Learn to crawl now so that you would be able to get to that playground. Do not despise it. Learn what I want from you. I will take care of the rest. And by the way, when you are fifteen (not that God would want something from us once in ten years), I need you to save the man who will be drowning. And in order for you to understand how difficult it is to be drowning, I am going to let you drown a little bit when you are twelve."

God is dealing with us. Let us not think that it is us who are directing our lives and let us not try to direct our own lives. Don't direct your lives. You don't have a mandate for it; you don't have the abilities for it. You cannot take your destiny into your own hands, so don't do it. It's foolishness. It would be as if I allowed my daughter to drive a car. She very much enjoys to hold the steering wheel at a parking lot; she turns it and says, "Kristynka is driving." Should I let her start the car? Should I do it to her? Do you understand me? Do not take your life into your own hands! Allow God to have your life in His hands because He knows what is to happen in two years, in ten years time. He knows who is supposed to meet you and when. He knows where you are to be directed.

"And by the way, when you are twenty-two years old, I have a plan for you. And when you are twenty-eight, I have an individual here, who, my dear sister, was born three years before you were, or maybe five. I have a plan that I need to do through your lives and therefore I will put you together when the time comes." (When you are twenty-eight or so, God will give it to you.) "And it is I who have a plan for your life. By the way, when you are such and such an age, I want to give you a child. Then I want to give you one more and even three

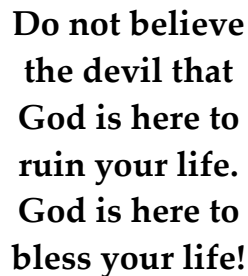
more." I don't know how many, I am not God. I don't know it even for my own life. And I don't even want to know it. I don't want to make it up. I don't know where the wind is going to blow me, I don't know where the Lord is going to blow me, and I don't know what God has. I only know that God has for me to feed on the fruit. And so it is necessary to enjoy life; to enjoy life with the Lord; to seek to be fed and to do well.

Do you think that God is incapable? Or, that He would forget you? That He has counted it wrong? "Oh, I have totally forgotten now. I have been taking care of Africa and this one has grown old in the meantime. I wanted to give him somebody. What should I do now? I have missed it somehow. I wanted to send this one to school but it is too late now. This one should have been born, but I also missed it." Do you understand? Do you think God can miss something or be delayed? People say, "children forgotten by God" or "land forgotten by God." "Oh, I have forgotten that, nothing is growing here. Well, I have been in Africa with Bonke taking care of a revival there and I have forgotten Bohemia; it has totally slipped My hands. So, I will fix it somehow, we will somehow put it together even though it is not the best... I had this sister for that brother but he got married in the meantime... hmm... what now? Get divorced?" That's foolishness! Don't we think about God like this sometimes? Don't we say to ourselves, "Lord, You have missed it here somehow a little. It has slipped Your hands a little." Or He says, "I wanted to bless this man, I told him to go to the left but he went to the right. I will not bless him then." Is God like this? No, He is not. By principle, He is not like that.

Tell me, is God better than I am? Of course, He is. Is God a better parent than I am? Certainly He is! Does He love His children more than I love mine? Yes, He does! Until the appointed time: one day I will love my children as God loves, one day I will be like God. But it is not yet today. Let's take this: I have a daughter. Do you think I would let her ruin her life? Do you think I would let her run into the street where cars are going back and forth when she is two years old saying, "I have told her she should not go there." Do you think I

would do that? No, I wouldn't! I would give her appropriate correction. Do you think I would let a lid of a little hassock fall on her hand when she is two years old because I told her not to open it? Do you think I would do that? Yes, I would. Do you think it would hurt her? Yes, it would. Why would I do it? Because I love her. Because I love her, I will let the lid of the stool fall on her hand. The pain will soon pass away, even though she might have a bruise. But I will not let her run into the street so that she could be killed. It is not adequate. It is a catholic way of thinking that says, "You have now made a mistake. I told you to go to the meeting, but you didn't, so I will kill your child." This is the devil himself. Be free, brethren. God hasn't called you to make a mistake and repent so then He would ruin your life. Send the evil one away. Repent of the sins you have done, but do not believe the devil that God is here to ruin your life. God is here to bless your life!

If you are nodding your heads now, if you are agreeing with this, I want you to begin to live and think like this. Begin to think like this and say it to the devil. Ask God to change your thinking. God hasn't come to ruin your life. God hasn't come to ruin your life! God hasn't come to ruin your life, brethren! He hasn't come into your life to rob you. God hasn't come into your life to hurt you. God hasn't come into your life to expose you to mockery and shame. God hasn't come into your life to condemn you, but to deliver you. There are people who come and want to stone you, but not God.



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They came to Jesus with a prostitute and said, "According to the law she is to be stoned. What do You say, Jesus?" Jesus hasn't come to destroy nor to condemn but to deliver. Do you think He left it alone and said, "Well, it is legitimate." No, He didn't. He did something that touched her life and she was saved, set free from her sin! For Jesus told her with authority, "Go and sin no more." So she went and didn't sin anymore.

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She was forgiven, even more than the Pharisees. God hasn't come to destroy. God is doing everything so that He would build up and save.

God has come into your lives and raised his standard in them. Do you know why God saved you? So that He could vex you? So that He could destroy you? So that He could

rob you? Or, so that He would bless you? Brethren, set your mind right. Set your mind right! God has come into your lives to set you free so that you might walk in fullness, in joy, in peace, in righteousness. Do you know what the fruit of the Spirit is? Suffering? No! Don't be mistaken! The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance (Galatians 5:22-23). Don't you know that God has called you? And the fruit of the Spirit is joy? God has called us so that we would do well. God has not come to destroy and ruin our lives. To me, this seems very important. If we understand this then I think we have laid the foundation so that we can talk about marriage and pre-marriage. If we don't understand this, then we will always walk in unbelief, wondering whether the devil is not, by some chance, right; whether God, by some chance, wanted to keep something good from us.

Eve was not sure. She was thinking, "Hmm, maybe this God really wanted to rob us of something." And Satan was able to catch her. He said, "You will not die, don't be afraid. God is just frightening you." She believed the devil more than God, but God meant only good for her and the devil, evil! Don't believe the evil one when he says, "Don't be afraid, it's not so hot. Do not let anyone deprive you. While you are young, the fruit is pleasant to the eyes, tasty." Don't be caught by it! You would not be the first one.

Marriage is an excellent thing. God gave me marriage. I have known it for only a few years, so I cannot say that the last fifty years my wife and I have been doing excellent. When I

talk to different older people, they tell me, "You know, I have had this last job for twenty-eight years." I always reply, "Well, I have been in this world for twenty-eight years."

Brother duCille says that he and his wife haven't had an argument for the last fifty years. As a matter of fact, I haven't been here half of the last fifty years. However, I think that from what I have experienced I can say, "Brethren, marriage is an excellent thing." The Promised Land is an excellent thing. In God.

What is marriage all about? Tell me: It's great that we can be together and talk from the morning till the evening? Yes, it is. You will manage to talk for a while but then you will need to get some sleep, too. What else is marriage about? Is marriage also about the fact that you can go for a walk with somebody? Yes, it is. That somebody will cook for you? Yes, it is. Marriage is about all these things. But marriage is mainly about having somebody with whom you are one. Do you know that? God has given you somebody with whom you can be one. Is marriage about sex? Yes, it is, as well as about many other things. I don't know if you will believe me, but the physical relationship is a relatively trivial thing compared to what God is giving us. It is a good thing, as other good things are, but God is giving us an entirely different depth, an entirely different level, which is much more precious. For suddenly you have someone you are one with, on all three levels of who you are: spirit, soul, and body. It means that, on one hand, you have one spirit, soul, and body (man) and on the other hand, there is another spirit, soul and body (woman). Suddenly, they click. Because they are not perfect, it needs to settle a little bit, but they click together and flow together. God's intention has been fulfilled; they completed one another and they are one. This is an image of Christ and the church.

They are one and can flow together. They realize they are one in spirit, one in soul, and one in body. Don't be deceived by the world when someone offers you something lower than this; when they tell you that you will be one in body. Yes, but what about the soul and what about the spirit? Maybe somebody who is set better in the world will tell you, "They should be one in soul and in body." Then what about the spirit?

Don't reach out for anything lower than wanting to be one in the spirit, in the soul, and in the body. God will lead you and God will flow through you. Do you know how? You will be as a pipeline which God will flow through. Blessing and anointing will flow through you. God will pour out His anointing and His blessings through you, His honey, His fruit. And you will be like one half of the pipe, and the other half of the pipe will perfectly click together (you and your mate) and you will be able to flow.

Think about the fact that God has known you from the beginning. As when we were joking before saying, "You are zero years old and God knows what will happen when you are ten or twelve, etc." Remember, it is God's plan. He has a plan. God wants to send you somewhere. God has greater plans for you, for your lives, than just marriage. He wants to fulfill this plan also by adding unto you a partner somewhere along the way, as well as by adding unto you other things you need like children, for example, but others, too. I will make it a little lighter – for example, a car. God knows what you need. It is written, "God knows what you need." If you need a car in your life, in His time, God will give you a car. If you need a wife, God will give you a wife. Understand it as such. Seek God's will so that you would be on His path and don't hinder God. Give yourself to the Lord and say, "God, I trust You. I trust You for my life. I trust You will lead me well. I trust You will lead me at school. I trust You will lead me at work." Do you know God has a job for us? By the way, do you know there is something better than a job? The whole plan of God is greater. Amen.

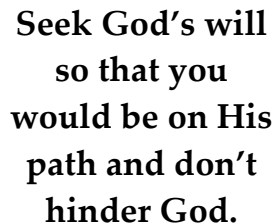
So, I want to tell you that marriage is about God having someone for you. I don't have him/her. I don't have anyone for anybody. Neither does Brother duCille have anyone in his pantry. If I tell you that he has two pantries at home, girls in one and boys in the other, and any time someone needs it, he pulls one out, will you believe me? Of course, it is not so. So don't ask people, don't set your eyes on them and don't expect them by some chance to have someone for you in their pantry. Do you think God is incapable so that you have to come to Him and say, "God, hurry it up a little, it's taking too long."

Or, "Now I am here alone, God will hardly give me anyone here, so I just need to have a look around a bit." Do you think God needs your help in this area? When God tells you to have a look around, then have a look around. When God tells you to move, then move. But you need to trust God for your life.

If you don't believe God or you don't want to believe or if you feel that this is not for you, then none of the rest is for you and you don't have to be bothered by it. For one doesn't go without the other. If you feel that walking with God, God's calling and God directing your life is not for you, then don't let the rest bother you and do what you need to. But if you feel you want God's calling and the highest things of God, and you want what God has for you, you want the fruit, you want to fill your life with riches in God, then endure.

Marriage is about you being in the fullness, having fullness, and having unity. I don't want to remain in this place, although there are so many things we could talk about. Do you know when a man is married? From his birth. I was praying and asking God, "God, when were we married?" And God said, "As early as from your birth." Inter-

esting. At that time I remembered one thing that happened to me when Kristyna and I, approximately two years before we got married, understood that we belonged to one another. I knew that Kristyna was the second half of me, that she was the one who would walk with me in my life. But I didn't come to her and say, "Hey, shall we go for a walk? Shall we be friends?" Not at all. The first time I ever came to her and began to talk to her about anything (except for the things of Christ), the first time when I ever asked her whether we were going to be together... (I had no clue we should date. I didn't believe in dating.) I came to her, I took her aside before the church meeting started and told her, "God spoke to me. You know He called me to a battle and I believe you should go into that battle with me. Could you please pray whether you are to



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go into this battle by my side?" And she prayed and said yes.

So one evening we were in a situation that we knew we would go together into this battle and somewhere along the way we had to get married. Of course, we started to make preparations for it. And God suddenly spoke to me, "I want you to promise me something." I said, "Of course." And God said, "Promise Me that the

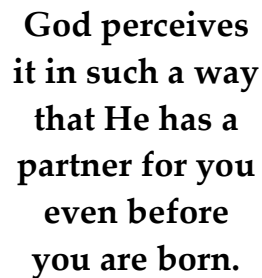
two of you will serve me with all your lives until you die." This can be easily said but how do I know what is going to come? But God was saying, "Promise it to Me." I replied, "By the way, who is 'the two of you'? That you (the two of you) will serve Me."

You have to understand. We are talking about marriage here, so the first one that comes to mind is Kristyna and me. But it didn't come to me. Imagine, you are at home alone in the evening and God says to you, "Promise Me that you (the two of you) will walk with God." Who? My family? The Church? Who is "the two of you?" And God said, "You and your wife." "What? Do I have a wife? I am single! I don't have a wife!" But God replied, "You have a wife. And I want you to promise Me that you and your wife will go with Me, that you will walk with Me, and that you will give Me your lives unto the death." It is not easy to argue with God, but after all, "God, how come I have a wife when I don't have a wife? We are not married yet, if you are talking about Kristyna." God said, "For Me, you have been husband and wife from the beginning of creation." It made me feel so terrible. I was lying in bed and kept thinking: I have a wife; I don't have a wife. What then is the wedding for? When are we together, how does it work? And God showed me that there are certain stages in life and, of course, there are some things you will enter into only after the wedding ceremony. But God perceives it in such a way that He has a partner for you even before you are born. You know, I was born a little bit sooner than Kris-

tyna. God was working on me and He knew, even before I was born, that Kristyna was going to be born. He already knew at that time that He had Kristyna for me. And He was working on her. I didn't know her. I didn't know her for ten, fifteen years. God was working on her as well as on me and He knew everything. He knew I was going to be born again and that she was going to be born again. Do you understand? It was very shocking for me. God knew I was to have a partner for my life, somebody who I would go to battle with, and He knew who she was, what her name was, what she was like, what her character was like.

We are now getting to chapter three: What to do before you enter into marriage. I like to talk about this subject because I believe there is a certain revelation. You need to realize, brethren, that God has a husband and a wife for you somewhere. She exists somewhere. Let us call her *Ishshah*. Do you know what that means? In Hebrew *Ish* is a man and he called a woman *Ishshah* because he didn't know any better name to call her by. Let's then also call them *Ish* and *Ishshah*.

So God has, dear sisters, your *Ish* from the beginning of the world. As I was saying that none of the brethren has him in his closet, but God has him. God has been working on him. God knows about such particular details that are going to face you in your lives which you have no clue of. Is anyone here who can tell where he is going to be in five years? What he is going to be in five years? How he is going to feel in five years? Can anyone tell me? Can anyone tell me how he is going to feel in ten years, or in forty years? But God knows it. Can you tell me what kind of a partner you are going to need in forty years time, in twenty, in ten, in five? You can't, but God knows it. God has somebody for you, your *Ish* or *Ishshah*, who is being created. Maybe he is now sitting in a meeting somewhere else and is listening to the same word. Or maybe he is not saved yet. Or maybe he



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is. God has to save him somewhere along the way. God has to deal with him somewhere along the way and somewhere He will bring you together. But, do you know, God already has him? Do you know God had him even before you were born? God has been working on him, God has been preparing him. Do you know which country he comes from? Maybe from Hungary, or from Turkey. God has your Ish, your Ishshah for you from the beginning of the world. I trust it is clear to you.

As I was saying at the beginning, if we don't believe in God, we can throw it all away. So far no practical advice has come, only that God has Ish and Ishshah for you. But this is the foundation, which needs to be built on. If you believe it, you can rest. He who already has someone doesn't have to ask God to give him a partner. You don't have to ask God not to forget you. God knows very well and He will take care of your situation.

The time will come when God will tap you on your shoulder and say, "Young man I have one Ishshah here for you." "Sister, beloved daughter, I have Ish here for you. Don't worry." So imagine now that you have a husband or a wife. How does it feel? I want you to take it seriously. I am not saying it just generally. How does it feel to know that God has a partner for you somewhere? Good? Experience it. It is a confidence, it is a rest. Experience it, each of you personally, and begin to love him, this Ish or Ishshah. You know, when you know this, pray for him/her. Say, "God, this is my Ishshah, my Ish. I ask You to bless him today. I ask You that he would know You; that You would be with him today; that You would be changing him and giving him knowledge and love for You. God, I ask that he would love You in the first place. I ask that he would love You, that he would walk with You, that we could be one. And I ask You, God, that he would love Africa, if you want to send us to Africa. God, I ask You that he would know how to sleep with an open window as I do." This is how I prayed. I like to sleep with an open window and it seemed silly to me if my wife didn't want to sleep with an open window for we would have to somehow agree on what to do every evening or sleep separately. So I prayed, "God,

don't forget for my wife to be able to sleep with an open window."

However, I would certainly advise you to ask God what you are to pray for. I read an article on the Internet today where one sister was talking about how she was praying when she was thirteen. She made a list of fifteen things she prayed for. Then she hid the letter and when she was twenty-one, she opened it and laughed because point number twelve was that he would like broccoli. Fortunately, the other ten points were about him loving God in the first place and serving Him; about him being a man who would want a wife that would be scrupulous about taking care of children; about him being a man who wants to have many children. So she was praying in a right way. Pray for righteous things. (I also had one other thing there, too, I wanted that window.) Don't be afraid to pray to God. Trust Him. Pray and bless. You don't have to make it the central point of your life because that place belongs to God. This is only one of the things.

When you pray for this particular man or woman and some "Mr. Cowboy/Ms. Cowgirl" comes into your life and wants to start a relationship with you, you will say to yourself, "Hmm, I cannot be unfaithful to my Ish/Ishshah." Do you know that you can be unfaithful before the wedding? Somebody comes into your life and wants to play with you. Are you to be played with? Are you like a piece of cheese, as my wife says? One brother was saying that we are not a piece of cheese that somebody would bite into and then give it back. Do you understand it? You are premium goods. You are Ishshah or Ish for that particular one who God has been preparing for you.



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Imagine a man comes and begins to "unwrap" my wife. The wrath will rise in me. I would pick him up and throw him out the door. Plain and simple. How can anybody explore my

wife? How can anybody entertain himself with my wife? Get away from her, this is my wife! How can you flirt with her? How can you wink at her? Only I can wink at her. How can you call her "honey?" Only I can call her "honey." How can you go for a walk with her in the evening? Get away from her!

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Do you think a brother could come after dark and go for a walk with Kristyna? Fear would not allow him! How could he coo with Kristyna on the telephone? She is my wife, mother of my children. How can somebody play with her in his mind? She belongs to somebody! She is even married! How can somebody walk around like a lecher

and play with cheese? As that brother was saying, "To unwrap, taste, and give back." What about me? I will come to the store to buy cheese and find that it is gnawed at, unwrapped, emotionally devastated! I want to tell it, "I love you," and it replies to me, "I know, I know." What do you know? You are not to know anything. Your emotions are to be pure, your heart is to be pure, not wounded. I then come to my Ishshah, knock on her heart and say, "I love you," and she is afraid. "What are you afraid of?" "Oh, I have experienced so many of those wounds." "What kind of wounds? Who came to hurt you? Who came into your life to hurt you, my Ishshah?" I came to have fellowship with my wife, with my beloved wife so that I could cover her, overshadow her, love her, flow with her, pray with her, and have friendship with her just to find out that somebody had already opened this cheese before me, and pretty harshly. So I say, "Hey, careful, this is my Ishshah!"

What if I wasn't married to Kristyna yet? Do you think that makes any difference? Can you imagine that I would be jealous? Wouldn't you be? Wouldn't you be jealous if someone else entertained himself with your wife? You have a wife, you have been keeping yourself pure, you have been keeping yourself in righteousness, and then somebody takes her for a

walk. A strange man takes her for a walk. She is my wife! When God tells me that she is my wife, I will take her for a walk when the time comes,

But we didn't know this at that time. We didn't have the full knowledge of everything from the beginning. We didn't do everything perfect and right. But understand it: God's plan is that we would do everything right. Imagine that I am a single boy and, for example, I like a certain sister. So I will call her, "How are you doing?" But what if she belongs to somebody else? Maybe her Ish is in the same fellowship or maybe a totally different one. How can I come and begin to unwrap this cheese, brethren? Be careful what you touch. Be careful where you are committing a crime. Watch for your cheese. Watch for your cheese! And defend yourself in body, in soul, as well as in spirit, for that "only one."

Why should anyone ruin your life? Do you think the first one who comes and says, "I love you..." Do you know how he thinks? Going back to the example of the cheese, he wants a bite. Don't be naive! He comes and wants a bite. He bites, tastes, and wants to bite more next to it. And then he gives you back – nibbled off. He doesn't care how you feel. He doesn't care at all. As Brother duCille said: A young sister went home from a meeting in the evening and met a young boy who told her he loved her and she believed him. It was a lie. He loved her as much as I loved the chicken I ate for lunch today. I didn't care how the chicken felt. I wanted to eat it. So he slept with her that night and the next day he wasn't interested in her any more. She ended up with AIDS. Don't be deceived. The world cannot love; it cannot have God's love. It comes and goes and a bite remains. Maybe it is only in the soul, but even that is too much. God has a plan. God has a plan. Hold it. Guard yourself. Do not let the devil deceive you.

I am telling you here that the whole garden is full of fruit. Don't reach out for anything lower. If somebody comes telling you, "You cannot do this, you cannot do that, you cannot do that..." then it is the devil. I will have much more. God hasn't robbed me of anything in my life. The only thing God has robbed me of is disappointment, trouble, unfulfilment, and

suffering.

God has a partner for you. Believe it and behave accordingly. When somebody comes to you and wants to entertain himself with you, then tell him that you are already engaged. "Sorry, I'm engaged."

"Oh, I didn't know. And who with?"

"I don't know yet." Or, "I already have a girlfriend."

"Which one, which one?"

"It's none of your business! But I do. Thank you, I don't want it."

"But am I not better?"

"No, you're not. Just for the fact that you are asking this way."

Or, "I already have somebody. I will not go with you; not even just for a walk. My dear one may not like it." Everybody will understand that.

Or, "I won't wander with you in the evenings. My beloved would not like it." Everybody will have to understand it. Even though everything is totally different in the world these days, I think it is still a pretty strong argument. At least you must have it. What if I know and have a revelation that this is my wife? I haven't told her yet because God hasn't told me to tell her yet and I am praying for it. And suddenly I see that somebody else is "somewhat interested" in her. It can hurt me! Be careful. You don't know who your Ish or Ishshah is. Maybe he or she has been growing with you from your birth.

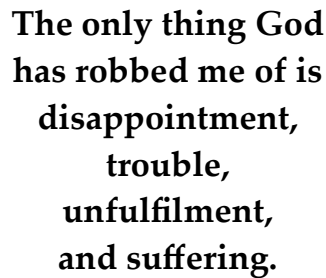
Keep yourself pure. Keep yourself pure because God is offering you a huge orchard of fruit and good things. Don't be fooled. When you allow yourself to be fooled, nothing better is waiting for you; only worse. And if you are confused in your mind, let it be. Repent at that moment and tell God, "God, I don't want anything less." Be prepared to make a decision and say, "No. I will not reach out for anything less. I will not reach out for anything less." God has the best thing for you, the right one. Use it as an argument when somebody comes and would want to unwrap you. Don't trust him, brethren! Don't believe him.

"I love you."

"Do you love me? Do you love the Lord? You cannot

love me if you don't love the Lord. You don't even know how to love; you don't even know what love is. Here is the Bible, read I Corinthians 13, this is love."

Don't be deceived. Only a person who loves the Lord first can love you. Only he knows what love is. It actually starts by this if you want him to seriously love you. Do you want your husband to love you? Do you? Do you want your wife to love you? Don't reach out for anything less. If you want it, why would you choose anything less? And in addition to that, you will hurt them by giving your heart to someone else for a while.



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You know God can wash away many things. God really can if we repent of what we did yesterday. Not of what we will do tomorrow, but if we repent of what we did yesterday, God can cover and wash. It would not be as if nothing had happened and everything was alright, because you have to go through certain things and bear your consequences. This is how it is. If it were not so, God would say, "You are free to sin. I will fix it all later." So, they are not without consequences. But God can cover things in an unbelievable way and allow you to enter the Promised Land forty years later. The piece of you which has survived.

Know then that this is the most important thing that you need to understand in this area. It is an absolute basic before we can start with practical issues. Consider yourselves as if you were engaged. Engaged. Maybe you don't know him, maybe you do, but you are engaged. "I am engaged. Go and unwrap some other cheese. I am not for sale. And even more, I am not cheese for sampling."

It is like, for example, when you come to the supermarket on Sunday and they have cheese for sampling. You will taste one, then another, and then some more. Isn't this what is happening in the world? Yet it is exactly how it works today.

Girls are for sampling. He comes, tastes her and gives her back. What is that? In God you all are an excellent match. Do you know that? I am not saying it just somewhat generally, but I mean it specifically for you. All of you who are here in God are an excellent match. I am thinking that God has given us an excellent potential here. You are beautiful people. Why would you scale yourselves down to such a level that you would make out of yourself cheese for sampling, instead of exclusive cheese that is only for the one, the right one who will come? What for? For what reason does the man throw away the high calling, the high vision, throws away all the fruit, and becomes cheese for sampling? So that somebody would put you back on the shelf? Defend yourself with all your ten fingers! Defend yourself with spiritual weapons! God has called you to great things and great promises. Don't let anyone make out of you cheese for sampling.

Maybe you are thinking that I am talking about the body. Yes, I am talking a lot about the body but also about the soul. Why should anyone taste your emotions, your feelings? Somebody comes and flirts with you. Only in the soul, only Platonic. Was Plato an apostle that we would have Platonic love? One, two, three of them... It is the same. Seemingly less dangerous, maybe it doesn't have such huge consequences; it is hard to tell. Maybe not, but we are not talking only about the body. I am not talking here about things of the body, I am talking about your emotions.

So, imagine that we know and we are ready to keep ourselves for only the right one, for this Ish or Ishshah. Is it so? Let's say we laid down the foundation and we say, "Lord, I want it. I want it because You have good things. I don't want to ruin my life. I believe that You haven't given me life so that it would be ruined." And now we are finally getting to our subject. Let us therefore assume the foundation as being laid. Let us start another chapter. Maybe the last one.

Let us imagine that I have made a decision. I am a young man (or a young lady) and I have decided to say "Yes" to all of this. I take all that we have been talking about here today, or perhaps I have already heard it before, and I am saying yes. I want the best things, the greatest things, and I will not substi-

tute them for anything in the world. I want them. What should I do? Pray. Seek the Lord before anything else. Sanctify your whole life and focus it on God. Do not be occupied with your Ish or Ishshah. Pray for him when God lays it on your heart, pray for him genuinely, but don't pray, "God, bring him into my life at last." You don't have to remind God. God knows it very well; God has His time. Do you know that God had that hour set even before the beginning of the world? You won't speed it up. Even if you prayed as much as you could, you would not speed it up.

It is like with my little daughter Kristyna. "We are going swimming,"

I say, "On Saturday."

"Daddy, we are going swimming!"

"On Saturday." But it is only Monday. "Daddy, we are going swimming."

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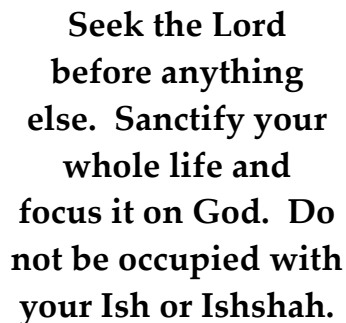
"Today?"

"On Saturday."

"Tomorrow?"

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The child just doesn't want to understand it. I said on Saturday, and in this respect I am God to her in a certain way, and so it will be on Saturday. And she won't be able to do anything about it. I said on Saturday. Why? Am I going to let her wait? Absolutely, because Saturday is the best time for swimming. I have prepared it and devised it as such and so it will be on Saturday. She has two options: either she can suffer until Saturday, or she can be occupied with something else until Saturday, and on Saturday we will go swimming. Why does she want to be occupied for five days with getting me to go swimming sooner, when



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I have said in the beginning that she will not get me to do it? She will be troubled for five days and then we will go swimming. What good is it to be troubled that we will not go swimming until Saturday? Just take it as it is. We are going to go swimming on Saturday. Daddy said Saturday. Does it seem

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too late to go swimming on Saturday? No. I know what is best for her life. Have I devised it such so that I will let her be troubled until Saturday? She troubles herself!

"I have good things for you today. Today we are going to be talking at the dinner table. Today we are going to be praying together, today we are going to be playing tag, or I don't know what all we can be doing together. You have a perfect

day. Mommy and Daddy have the perfect contents of the day for you. A part of those contents is that you will go to bed. You don't want to? I know what is good for you. You have to be strong. Do you understand me? Don't worry about going swimming on Saturday. Just take it as it is. We are going to go swimming on Saturday."

God has that day, let's say November 12. If I knew that day, if God revealed it to you, would you be troubled? If I knew and could tell you, for example, "Brother, your day is November 12, 2002. I am not going to give you the name, but I will tell you that it is November 12, 2002. And a half a year later you will get married." The brother would be set at ease and do his work until November 12; he would be taking care of his things. November 11th would go by and on the 12th he would start being slightly anxious. I would say, "Your Ishshah's name is so and so."

You have to realize that God has it like this. I don't know the date, but God knows it. Through all the obstacles, He knows it. And I know that He is going to do it.

One time I was in a situation where I had known that a brother and a sister belonged together long before they knew it. It is such a peculiar feeling. You know it, you observe those

people, and you pray for them. You pray, but you don't talk much about what you know. Yet, you observe those people and it is such a peculiar level in God. Suddenly, you begin to understand God a little bit and you say to yourself, "God is looking at our lives like this. God knows when it comes and who it is going to be and what it is going to be." And you can see how those people are searching and how they are going here and there and you are saying to yourself, "I wish they would rest. I wish they would rest and leave it alone." Then they meet and get married – as God appointed it. At that time, it was a special privilege God gave me. I don't even know why, maybe so that I would pray.

And so I want to say, "Know that God has." I am a young man, a young woman, I don't know who belongs to me, who my Ish, my Ishshah is, but I am praying for him/her saying, "God, I want to be ready." Do you want to appeal to him? Do you know how you are going to appeal to her? If you walk with the Lord. You have to be attractive for him. You don't have to have a specially combed forelock just in case he was amongst us.

I will give you an example: I am a young man and maybe my Ishshah is among us. I will unbutton the little button on my shirt a bit, I will pull up my sleeve slightly, my biceps have to come out a little bit. You cannot see it but it is there. ☺ I will also put on the latest jeans, I will put on my sunglasses, and I am cool. That Ishshah, righteous Ishshah, will come, look around and say, "Lord, I wonder whether You will be speaking to me today. But certainly not about my husband because there is no one here that I would want. These boys here are so juvenile."

If you want to attract a girl in the world, then unbutton your little buttons so that your two hairs are seen and put on some ragged jeans. It is now very fashionable. I recommend tearing it under the knee a little, and girls, it is absolutely ideal to tear yours under the back pocket. Go and he will get caught. Do you know how you know him? He has his jeans torn under the knee. And he will know you by your jeans being torn at the back under the pocket. You will meet in such a way and you will know each other by the tears. You are call-

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ing to somebody similar to yourself. You are calling and saying, "Hello, a tear calleth unto the tear." (Instead of deep calleth unto deep [Psalm 42:7].)

It really works like that. You have to make it clear to yourself who you are calling. I also want to tell you: don't come to the meetings with your jeans torn. You will not be able to find a *tear* like this here. You will have to go somewhere in the world. Maybe you don't have to go to a bar, but I am sure you would find the other tear there; somebody who has a similar hairstyle, similar tears, and is a similar crack.

You have to decide who you are looking for in your life, who you want to attract. So if you want to attract him this way, then you have to look like it. But if you want to attract a righteous man, he will not notice you with a tear. He will not include you in his short list. Never. God will not be speaking to him. He will be rejecting it. God will say, "This is a wife for you," and he will reply, "Oh, get behind me, Satan." Poor fellow. He doesn't know. He doesn't understand. He is saying to himself, "I can't even look into this girl's eyes, she is almost naked. I can't even look at her properly. I have to look somewhere else all the time." For he is an innocent, righteous man and he is saying, "I can't even look at her."

Or, a girl will come and will not include you among the candidates. "This boy here is such a teenager. The only thing he is interested in are tears. He doesn't even know how to button up his shirt. He doesn't even know how to come decently dressed to the meeting."

If you, therefore, want to attract purity, walk in purity. You know you will attract the other way, too. You will be surprised how well you will attract. It works. And the world knows how it works.

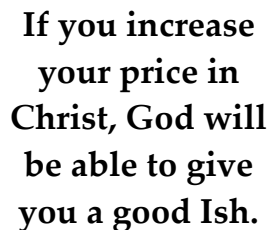
So, I have made a decision, first of all, that I will concentrate on the Lord. I don't have to take care of the other things at all. Do not be troubled until God gives you the right partner. People, do not be troubled by it. Wait, it will come, God will tap on your shoulder and say, "By the way, the time has

come, I have Ishshah for you. She is the girl who is sitting here, the sister."

"Oh, she is beautiful," you will say. "God, I don't even deserve her. She is beautiful. This is the person You have for me? Thank You, God."

Therefore, I concentrate on the Lord; I seek Him so that I would increase my price. For there is a certain brother, a certain Ish, praying and saying, "God, I ask You that it would be a righteous woman." So be righteous. "I ask You, Lord, that she would be a servant." Be servants. "I ask You that she would know how to take care of me well." Take care well. You know, you can be servants at home. Learn it. Serve at home. Love. Obey. "God, I ask You that she would be an obedient wife, that she would not be rebellious." Do you want to attract him? Be obedient, don't be rebellious. Do not behave foolishly, but behave righteously, purely. You will not let yourself down by your righteous behavior and, if you do, then it will only be in front of a tear. But you don't mind that. You want the young man to notice you and say, "God, this is bone of my bones." Tell yourself, "I will increase my price in his eyes so that God could give me to him."

Work on this, work on your own righteousness so that you would increase your price in Christ. Love God, serve the Lord, and follow God. Keep telling yourself and knowing that when God reveals to that Ish that you are his wife, his heart will rejoice and he will say, "God, I have obtained favor of the Lord." You don't want God to tell him, "This is a wife for you," and him say, "God!? Is she going to argue with me my whole life? She doesn't even obey her parents and she is to obey me? There is rebellion working in her life in every step. Oh! She doesn't even know how to dress. I don't even know if she is a girl or a boy. Do I have to be explaining to her how to dress? Couldn't she hear from You? Oh!" If you increase your price in Christ, God will be able to give you a good Ish.



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And vice versa, brothers. I don't know why I keep looking at the girls here. It is the same for you: "God, this boy doesn't even know how to take care of his own soul and he is to take care of me? It is not even raining, only the sun hides,

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and he is miserable. And what if I come and am not feeling good? Is he going to swear at me also? God! He has a responsibility to do this task and he is not able to take care of such a small thing. You tell him, 'Please bring it,' and he forgets. You say again, 'Please, could you bring this,' and he forgets for the second time. And he will not do this and he is not able... Is

he to take care of my children? Won't he forget to feed them? Maybe only sometimes? Can I lean on him? Is he a man? Is he a grown-up man? Is he mature? Won't I have to take care of money at home so that he can manage, poor fellow? Won't I have to encourage him every night so that he will not give up on life?"

Don't forget, brothers, that women also want, when God tells them, "This is your husband," to say, "Oh, thank You, Lord. God, thank You. I am glad this will be the father of my children. I am glad this is the one who will always understand me and who will always cover me under his wing when I come to him; one I will be able to lean on; who is responsible; who is submissive. I knew he would come. I knew, God, I had that confidence and it is such a comfort, it is so pleasant to my heart. I have been watching him for years! I didn't know he was my Ish. But I remember this boy from a conference. We have been together in the fellowship for a few years. I know how he thinks, how he behaves, how he approaches his life with responsibility, how he obeys wise advice, how he does not resist wise advice, how he obeys the Lord, how he obeys the brethren, how he obeys the elders, the way he func-

tions. God, I know that when we have a problem, the first thing he will do is go to the church and to the elders. He will pray and say, 'Brethren, help us, we are having trouble in the family, we are having a problem. Sin came into our life and we need help.' God, I can rely on that, I have seen him do it. I know he will not run into a corner and will not walk into the world. I know that when a problem comes into our lives, he will not pick up and run away."

Or, "Are you giving me this brother? Sin came into his life and he said that it was someone else's fault. It means that we will have problems and he will scold our children and me. Are You sure, Lord?"

Or, do you want that sister to say, "God, it is so pleasant. I have seen him be corrected and take it upon his shoulders and say, 'Yes. This is my problem. This is my mess. I am solving it. I will take care of it. I receive it. Lord, forgive me that I have not been walking in righteousness in this issue. Forgive me that I have hurt someone.' I have seen how, because of him, a problem occurred and he said, 'Yes, it was me. I apologize to all.' I have seen how he was broken, how he was sorry for it. He took out his last CZK 500 of his savings and paid for what he caused. Oh, God, I will take this. It means that if he does something wrong he will come and apologize. He will know that it was he who opened the door to the devil, and not only that but he will say, 'I am sorry, it is my fault,' and will pick up that devil by his lapels and throw him out the window. I can rely on that."

Are you asking what you are to do before God gives you a husband or a wife? Seek the Lord and keep increasing your price in Christ. Seek righteousness so that you would be a good match.

And so the time is coming. Because of your eagerness for holiness you don't even have a thought about your partner. Hallelujah! You need to be busy in Christ like this. You know, brethren, even because of your wife, because of your husband, walk in righteousness. She prays, "I would like to spend evenings with him. I would like to pray with him in the evenings. But he does not pray in the evenings. He watches nonsense on television. God, don't you have a husband for me who will

pray with me in the evenings when I need it?"

He prays, "God, I would like a wife who will be at home in the evenings. I would like to come home, I would like to come from work and find that she is waiting for me at home. I would like to find that she has her home in order, that she is waiting for me, that she is full of life, and that we will share our life together. I would like to find out that she doesn't wander. God, but this girl doesn't spend evenings at home. She wanders somewhere."

God is giving you all these months and years of life, while you do not know your Ish or Ishshah, to endeavor to please the Lord and please your Ish or Ishshah. Brethren, strengthen yourselves in God and be courageous.

So, we have come to the point that you walk in righteousness. Suddenly, God taps on your shoulder and says, "I have a partner for you." You know I will be talking about an ideal case here as it is supposed to be. You do with it whatever you want. You can say that it is foolishness. You can say that it is not for you. You can say that I am exaggerating. You can do all of this, it is not my business. But I believe that a day will come.

Some of you have an advantage, because you have believing parents. You are quite covered in this area. If I was a girl – what would I do as a girl? I would be waiting and taking care of God's things. I would not be worrying about my Ish at all. I would be praying for him. He is my Ish. I don't know his name, so I would be praying for Ish. But I would not need to go somewhere, to the market, in order to find him. It would be sufficient for me to seek the Lord. And one day my parents will come to me and say to me, "How are you doing? What is God speaking to you?"

You will respond, "God is speaking to me that I should sanctify myself."

"Is God speaking to you about your partner?"

"Yes, He is. I have my Ish. He is the one I am waiting for."

"And is God speaking to you something about Frank here?"

"Well, I have been trying to drive it out for some time

now.”

You know, parents have one peculiar thing – they love you. They love you and they want the best partner for you. We are talking here about believing parents.

What if I am a young man? What should I do as a young man? A thought begins to come to me. I take it and say, “I will not submit myself to such things.” “Kristyna...” “No!” “Kristyna...” “No, no, no!”

Do you know what I mean? When you cannot help yourself any more, go and see your parents. It is a problem in some of your cases, isn't it? Well, I had the same problem, I didn't

have anyone to go to, either. But you have people at church. I went to the elders. Do you know that I went to the elders long before I went to Kristyna? I needed help. I was saying, “Brothers, I have a problem with one girl. I cannot get her out of my life. I pray, I repent. Pray with me so that God would forgive me. This Kristyna keeps coming to my mind and I can't help myself.”

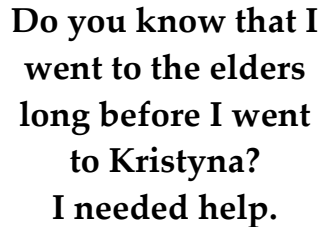
They were asking, “What are you doing?”

“Well, we go together to school by bus every day. She goes from one village, I go from the town. We keep meeting each other on the bus. We are both hungry for God and so we are sharing about God.”

They were saying, “Well, it is hard when you go together by bus. We will be praying.”

I was telling myself, “Oh, so the problem is the bus. I will take an earlier bus.”

It was madness. I had to get up at five o'clock and take a bus at five thirty so that I would not meet this girl. I meant it seriously. I was not going to have my life spoiled because some girl enticed me, because I talked to her and we got on well together in Christ. So I had to take a bus at five thirty. Six thirty you arrive at school, you hang around town and



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wait an hour and a half before the school opens up – because you came an hour and a half early. Also, you have to go to bed earlier because of this. Life is not easy.

I went to my elders and presented them this issue: “Brothers, I have my Ishshah and this girl here is getting into my life. She is a wonderful girl but what should I do? I don’t want it.”

However, Kristyna suddenly turned up at church and the elders began to understand that it was somewhat different, that she was the one, that she was my Ishshah. But what now? I was somehow backing out, I was taking a bus an hour earlier and who knows what, and the elders now came to me and said, “So, what is going on with that Kristyna? How did you solve it?”

I said, “Well, I am taking a bus an hour and a half earlier but somehow I still cannot get rid of her in my heart.”

The elders replied, “Hmm, why don’t you pray and ask whether by any chance she is the one?”

Interesting. After all, I would not mind it at all. It was a bold thought. Could this be?

So I was praying and saying, “Okay.” You have to understand, I first went to the elders several months prior to that. I was saying, “God, I will not get it wrong.” I had already thought once that it was a certain girl and so I went to her and said, “Let’s pray,” because I found myself going for a walk with a girl. I was saying to myself, “You are going for a walk with a girl, it is strange. We will either get married or we will part. Why should we be going for a walk together?” And so before we even held one another’s hand or anything like that I was telling her, ‘You know, let’s take some time, we will not see each other, you pray, I will pray, and we will find out how it goes.” At that time I hadn’t gone to the elders yet, so we prayed and God said no. I was a little bit unhappy about it because I had already loosened my emotions, but we had stopped before we set anything in motion. I kept saying to myself, “Such a nice girl.” But afterwards she turned somewhere else. Half a year later she turned back to the world. It was not because of me; it was her who came with “no,” even stronger than I did. At that time I was saying, “God, thank

You." I didn't know what the future would bring, but God knew it.

I was then saying to myself that I did not want to walk wrong and so I talked to the elders several months prior to talking to Kristyna and told them, "What do you think about it? How do you see it? What can I do? I need advice." I thought I needed to repent. I repented. It didn't harm me at all. Do you see? It didn't harm me at all taking an earlier bus.

But the elders suddenly said, "Hmm, so pray whether she is the one." They had already known she was the one; basically everybody around us knew it. So I prayed, but of course Kristyna didn't know as of yet. I came to the elders and they gave me advice. I prayed and said, "Yes, this is how I understand it. Simply yes."

So I went to her and said "Kristyna, God called me to a battle. Will you go into it with me?"

And Kristyna said, "I will pray that it would be God's will." ☺

"So, pray whether it is God's will and let me know."

Kristyna prayed and prayed and suddenly said, "Yes." I never told her that we would be dating. I told her that we would get married, that she should go into a battle with me. I remember that our first trip lead to Prague, to the elders. There had already been some elders here, people who had wisdom. We said, "We believe it, some elders in Opava (a town where we fellowshiped) believe it, too, but we need to be sure." I need to be twice sure. I was not going to have my life ruined by making a mistake.

So we came to these people in Prague whom we thought were elders (but they really were not) and they said, "And what about the two of you? Are you dating?"

I replied, "Dating? We are not dating!"

"Well, and how come you are so close to one another?"

"Well, we are getting married."

"Why then are you not dating?"

"Actually, we don't know. God said we were to get married but He didn't tell us we were to date."

They tore us apart a little bit, because they were not really elders as we thought. We were awfully unhappy because of it.

Therefore, what to do until you get married? Basically, nothing! Seek the Lord, prepare the wedding, and meet the parents.

They were telling us we were to date each other and we didn't want to date. I didn't want to date her. I didn't want to date anyone. Why would I date anyone? I wanted to marry my wife and fight my fight of faith.

I just want to show you that our desire was pure. Fortunately, Mark and Janet Jantzi were in Prague at that time. I didn't know them. I

had just heard that they had a prophetic anointing or some gift and that they were elders, very much elders. They truly are elders in Christ.

So, that was my first trip, a few days after we heard from God, even before we did anything else this was the first thing. We told each other that we had to go and see them and so we went. We rang the bell and I said, "Hello, I am Martin, you probably don't know me. This is Kristyna and you probably don't know her either. But, we have a question."

We told them what God spoke to us. They asked us such strange things, for example: How old we were (what does age have to do with it?), how old we had to be to get married in the Czech Republic, whether Kristyna knew how to sew or cook. We expected to hear some, "Thus saith the Lord," but instead of that they were asking her whether she knew how to sew.

"Do you believe that this is of God, that we belong one to another?"

"Sure, it is clear!" It was so clear to them that they even forgot to tell us.

So we said, "Okay, God." It was a confirmation that everybody in the church saw it and understood it to be of God. At that moment it was totally safe. Anytime I heard that somebody would have any doubt, I sought him out, because I didn't want to make a mistake. "You think it could be wrong? You think that all the others are mistaken?" If he was at least a

little bit an elder, I went to him and said, "I didn't suspect you having a doubt. Is there any problem with it?"

"No, there isn't. I believe it is of God."

"Okay, okay. I ask you, if there are any of the brethren in the Spirit who feel there is a problem, I would like to know it. I want to know it and I will walk away from it if it is not of God." Nobody came, everybody was encouraging us in it and everything looked like "yes," so we got married.

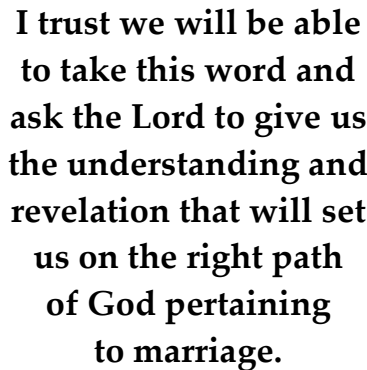
Therefore, what to do until you get married? Basically, nothing! Seek the Lord, prepare the wedding, and meet the parents. If your parents are believers, instead of going to the elders you can go to your parents. That is the absolutely ideal situation. Say, "Mom, Dad, it seems to me that this Kristyna..." But we do not have this luxury here too much. So, go to the elders if there is no believing father.

Unfortunately, we didn't have all the knowledge at that time. God told us many things, but we didn't understand everything in time. I believe there is no need to rush anywhere. Neither with emotions, nor with any relationship in the flesh. I am not going to be talking about it now in detail as I don't believe that it is the most relevant issue at the moment. I will just mention it briefly and when it is relevant to you, stop by, we can talk about it more. Do not rush anywhere. The less you rush, the better. She is your Ishshah, you don't have to taste her. God knows very well how things are going to work. You don't have to taste her, either emotionally, or physically. Hold back in all areas until the wedding. Hold back. There is no need to rush into it immediately, saying, "This is my Ish, this is my Ishshah," and be spending five hours every day walking and talking somewhere. It is not necessary. There is no need to play with fire. As in the flesh, so in the soul. But we will talk about this some other time and somewhere else.

As it is miserable when you get intertwined with somebody else and then back up being left with different wounds, it is the same misery, but of a far lesser extent, when you get intertwined emotionally. For God created things so that they would work, so that a certain mechanism would be set in motion. For example, it is the same way as when you start a car: you start it up, engage the clutch, etc. Why start up and en-

gage the clutch when you don't want to go anywhere? Why loose emotions or the flesh into a process that you don't want to finish? Leave it alone. It will all come in its time. Why do you need to talk until the evening so that you would then depart and each of you goes after their own business? Why should you be troubled? Why should you be entering things that you will have to put the brake on later? What kind of a game is it? But this is really for some other time. I just wanted to mention it so that you would have it in mind when it is relevant for you and then we will be able to go through it.

We have already heard a lot tonight. I trust we will be able to take this word and ask the Lord to give us the understanding and revelation that will set us on the right path of God pertaining to marriage. Let us take some time now and if you have anything you want to tell God, feel free to do so. May the Lord bless you all.



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Prayers prayed by the young people right after the word came forth:

Lord, I thank You so much for the word You have sent us today. I ask You that none of us would murmur but each of us would wait for what You have prepared for us. I ask You that even I would know how to wait for my Ishshah and that I would never murmur nor bargain whether she could not come sooner or ask why it is not sooner. But I ask You that You would give her to me at the right moment, I ask You that she would be the right one for me, that I would like her how it is most possible. I ask You she would not be any *torn jeans* but that she would obey You with her whole heart. The same way I will obey You with my whole heart for I also want to be liked by her the same way. Amen.

Dear God, I also want to thank You for this word. I thank You that this is a word which sets us free and encourages us. Thank You that we are encouraged today to seek You and Your will in our lives. Thank You that You always come with chastisement as well as with encouragement at the same time. Thank You for it. I ask You that when we leave this place, this word would be planted deep, deep into our hearts, so that we would apply it to our lives. Thank You that it could have been preached before we even began thinking about this subject. Thank You that it came in time. So I ask You, God, that You would do this act in our lives. We receive this word into our hearts, we thank You that it came and that it brings such liberty in the spirit, soul, as well as the body. Thank You that we can rejoice in all these things. I also thank You that this word was able to break the works of the devil. Amen.

Lord, You walk through every heart in this place tonight. You see every heart that is making a decision before You to do righteously. I ask You that You would seal every such heart,

that You would seal those decisions and direct the steps of each one of us who is making a decision to do righteously. Lord, direct our steps towards You. I ask You, Lord, that we would be busy with Your works. God, that we would seek before You what it is that You are asking of us. I ask You that You would give us tasks in Your kingdom which will keep our minds as well as our hearts busy, which will keep our hands as well as our feet busy so that they would walk in the places of righteousness. I ask You, Lord, for each one of us who is making a decision tonight for righteousness so that during the time of waiting for You, for Your revelation, for Your righteousness and for Your truth, You would open our eyes so that we could see what Your task is for us in Your kingdom; where You want us to add our hands to work, where You want to send us as Your servants. Lord, let us be busy with Your things and not with the things of this world. Lord, I entrust each one of us into Your hands and have great hope that You will fulfill in us what You have promised. I believe You are mighty for You are God and there is none like You. Amen.

TESTIMONIES

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It is wonderful to know what our God is like and how He is able to save even those who have not asked for Him, nor have sought Him. He makes Himself to be known by them (Isaiah 65:1). Hallelujah!

The youth camp was for me something like an opening of the eyes. In short, I was able to see very clearly who God is, who I am, and all those questions people usually ask were answered for me. I was able to see the peace and confidence that God's people have when they walk with Him day by day in purity and holiness. I realized the difference when I compared them with myself and was ashamed of my own life. I know that at that time God created in me a great desire after righteousness and this desire has been driving me further and further as my horizon begins to open up more to God's purpose with humanity. I am very thankful for that. There is one thing I learned: man is a creature of desires (no other creature has such contradiction in their desires as man does) and if this strong weapon is directed in the right direction, then it will do a great work.

I wish you all that, as you read this word about walking in righteousness before God, it would give you the desire God has for me as well as for you.

May God bless you!

Ada (16)

I remember this camp very clearly. It was a milestone in my life. My mom had taught me to know about God and to

love Him. But at this camp I saw the REALITY of God in man’s everyday life. It touched me and it gave me a desire to know God as Abraham did. He was called a FRIEND of God!!!

I remember the word for young people very well. I have still been listening to it on the tape over and over again up until this day. It just shows I still need to know the right direction in this world which is full of compromise. There is so much TRUTH, FREEDOM, and PURITY in this word.

I believe that if you have read it and believed it, God will bless you, sanctify you, and set you free as much as He did me.

Linda (16)

This camp meant a lot of grace and changes for me – spiritually as well as physically. The word about Ish and Ishshah came very much in time and it was a big *cut* in my path. It was so clear that I didn’t have to hesitate whether I would believe it or not. I began to see things I had never seen before. It came to me that God thought it out so wonderfully. When I thought about God preparing my Ish somewhere, I felt very good and, at the same time, very safe. But I know God still has to change me a lot so that I could be for my Ish the woman from Proverbs 31. And I still have time to make sure that my first husband is Jesus Christ.

I want to encourage all you girls that you would know your Ish is somewhere out there. But do all you can so that you would keep yourselves pure and unbitten.

We are very blessed that God sent us this word. I feel much grace in it. May the Lord bless you.

Karolina (14)

God had to make a lot of changes in my life. Among other things, He had to change my perspective on the relationship between man and woman. Before I heard the word about Ish

and Ishshah, I had the same opinion as most of the people in the world have – that I will date somebody, we will *love* each other, I will feel good... I never thought about what would follow after that, only that my desires and my emotions would be satisfied. Praise the Lord that He sent His word, which is His truth, and it set me free. The word about ISHISM was a step by which I stepped out of the world's perspective to God's perspective. However, it was only a beginning. God continued to prepare me, is preparing me, and I believe will be preparing me for His great plan with my life. I also believe that this word is not only for me, but also for all those who have their hearts opened to God.

God bless you all,
Bibi (16)

If I were to make a list of my life-changing experiences, the very first would probably be the youth camp which was organized by the dear brethren in Prague.

At that time, I was in a horrible state. Despite being saved and baptized in the Holy Spirit, I had totally departed from the Lord. I was deceived. I wanted to enjoy the things the world offers and thought that I would have plenty of time to repent and return to the Lord when I was older. I thought that Christian life was only for older people. However, nothing of that is true! We as Christians have NO time for having a good time! Don't take me wrong: I don't mean that Christian life must be boring and clothed in sackcloth and ashes. What I mean is that God doesn't want us to waste time. He has given it to us so that we would spend it in the fullness of His promise. What is His promise?

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD. But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I

will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people (Jeremiah 31: 31-33).

Hallelujah! God is so merciful that He is still offering His promises to those who are willing to accept them. But I didn't see it at that time. I thought I had to make great sacrifices in vain. Even though I had heard about the Lord my whole life, I was going out with my friends, started dating, smoking... I am the type of person who always wants to be in the very front line. (God has been teaching me recently that the one who wants to be the first must first learn how to be the last!) I was the first one in my class who had a girlfriend; I was the first one smoking... Even when marijuana came along, I was one of the first guys who tried it. (Fortunately, the camp came a week after that so it was the first as well as the last time!) It was horrible – no life and no vision.

Thank God that He is faithful even when we are not. One sister in Prague wanted to organize a camp for the young people from Slovakia. I didn't want to go. It seemed to me that it would be just another boring Christian meeting. I am the only man in our fellowship and I was bored of being only with girls all the time. But my mother said I needed to go so I obeyed. Some people say that obedience can save one's life. I have to say I would have been in a very desperate situation if I hadn't obeyed at that time. It changed my life completely.

The word by Brother Martin was also life-changing. For me, it still is one of the best words I have ever heard. I wanted to translate it into English because I liked it so much. I thought it would be useful for many young men because the young men of today are in danger. The devil sets a lot of snares to destroy young men. I would advise everybody to read a book by J.C. Ryle called *Thoughts for Young Men* in order to get a deeper revelation of Satan's plans for us.

One brother said one time that dating is lethal for young people. It is very true. When a young Christian doesn't have a revelation of his Ishshah or God's plan for marriage, he has a problem because he is either going to try every *cheese* which is available or think about marriage more than about God. God is saying that we should seek first the Kingdom of God and

His righteousness and ALL other things, including marriage, will be given unto us. No man was created to get married first and foremost. We were called to receive our calling, election, and promise of God and walk such that we would fulfill it.

I realized that the Lord is going to give me good gifts and I believe my wife will be one of them. And I really want to wait for the "right one." I want to be pure, clean, and sanctified; I also want to be ready for her. I want to be responsible so that I can take good care of her. The last thing I would want would be my beloved Ishshah regretting marrying me. I love her and therefore, I am going to do everything that is necessary to be a good husband from the Lord to her.

Hallelujah, I believe the Lord will lead you into the full revelation of His great plan even with regard to holy matrimony. I pray the Lord would seal the word He has given to us.

Lord bless you all,
Oliver (17)

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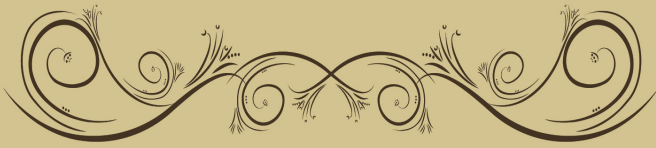
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One day, God will tap on your shoulder and say, "The time has come, I have Ish/Ishshah for you."

"Oh, he/she is beautiful," you will say. "I don't even deserve him/her. Thank you, God."

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Genesis 2:16-17