



The Way Things Should Be

Courtship

IMPORTANT: This topic only relates to the family unit of a husband and a wife. It does not have relevance to any other set of relationships, situations or circumstances.

We have seen in this series that Adam and Ezer are a team, not just a married couple. Today and originally they were to be joined together for the purpose of fulfilling the Great Mandate¹. Together they are to also fulfil their Kingdom destinies by embarking on a Kingdom assignment that they were sent to Earth to complete in their partnership.

This makes marriage a serious business. It's not about finding a sexual partner. It's not even about finding a partner to reproduce to fulfil that particular component² of the Great Mandate. It's also not about finding someone who loves you and supports you through life's difficulties. Nor is it about finding someone who meets your emotional or love needs. In fact, we're not even supposed to marry because we're 'in love' with someone. These are the ways the world³ and Christians think, and they're 'dead' wrong.

In the Kingdom we have been returned to the place Adam and Ezer were before The Fall and our courtship has to line up with that status. If we don't understand that this arrangement is a component of the work of Jesus' death and resurrection, then the rest of what I write will just be an interesting theology. We must understand that the beginning of the New Covenant saw the start of 'the restoration of all things'⁴. Note this:

Acts 3:20-21 (TPT⁵) – *And he will send you Jesus, the Messiah, the chosen one for you.*⁶ *For he must remain in heaven until the restoration of all things⁷ has taken place,⁸ fulfilling everything that God said long ago through his holy prophets.*

NOTE: The word 'restoration' in Greek is *apokatastasis*, which infers the restoration of creation to the state of existence before The Fall. It also refers to the Davidic covenant being restored through Messiah. Luke's choice of the Greek word is important as it's only used here in all the NT. It's a medical term that means "restoration of perfect health".⁹ (See also Romans 8:21 in The Passion Translation)

So, our King will remain on his throne in Heaven, until everything in creation has been restored to perfect health – then he will take his place on Earth as King. What will Kingdom citizens be doing from now until then? We're part of the team assigned to bring in the restoration.

How important then is the choice of a spouse so that each 'diecious'¹⁰ married couple fits in perfectly with the King's plans for spreading the Kingdom until it fills the whole Earth? **ESSENTIAL.**

Because of this need and the imperative to have the right team member to complete the Kingdom assignment for a marriage, the choice of the spouse should be in the hands of the King. It's his choice as

1 – Genesis 1:28

2 – Genesis 1:28a (Reiterated in Genesis 9:1)

3 – NB - James 4:4

4 – This begin with John the Baptist (Matthew 17:11). See my teaching: "The Right Approach to Biblical Prophecy" canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/The-Right-Approach-to-Biblical-Prophecy.pdf

5 – The Passion Translation

6 – The Aramaic can be translated "He will send you all that has been already prepared for you through Jesus, the Anointed One". [TPT footnote]

7 – Or "until the time for the universal restoration". [TPT footnote]

8 – Or "This one the heavens must receive until the times of universal restoration". [TPT footnote]

9 – [TPT footnote]

10 – Separate male and female reproductive units.



to who will be the best partner to allow each person to achieve their Kingdom objective in marriage. Singles should not be looking for a complementary spouse or even a Christian spouse. No! They should be allowing the Spirit to show them the right one. The King's choice may not be 'Mr Right' or 'Mrs Right' because that choice is one from our soul, not our spirit.

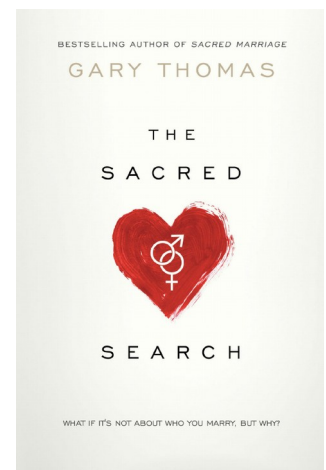
This all means that courtship (looking for a spousal partner) is akin to a business transaction. Why? Each person needs to find their Kingdom partner through the leading of the Spirit and transact to join so they can fulfil everything they were ordained to achieve. This of course will be extremely difficult for those who are not operating as Kingdom sons or those who have been shown their spouse-to-be who is not a believer. However, by relying on the King to work everything through, the correct outcome should eventuate.

This will probably sound weird to 99.999% of people, but it is the way we have been told by our King to proceed with marriage.

For example: There are 3 young men in our circle of Kingdom contacts who have been shown who their wives are and they are waiting for the Spirit to advise them of the next step in their courtship. Two have been told to advise the women that they are their chosen wives and are waiting for them to align with that knowledge. All three have been waiting for a while for the realignment of their chosen partners. Two have been waiting years. All are content to wait as they have totally committed themselves to align with heaven's will and time in this case is irrelevant.

What I've outlined is quite logical from a Kingdom perspective. Here's how Gary Thomas logically puts it in his book 'The Sacred Search'¹¹.

*"There must be a version of the Bible out there I haven't read yet, one that has a mysterious exception clause...The exception clause I'm referring to is found in Matthew 6:33. Here's how it reads in the New King James Version: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." The mysterious version I'm looking for, the one I see so many people following and memorizing, goes something like this: 'Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, except when you're choosing someone to marry. In that case, you should follow your emotions, insist on a thrilling romantic attraction and overall relational compatibility that makes the relationship fun, and then all these things will be added unto you'."*¹²



This brings up the 'prickly' point: What if you choose your own spouse? What if circumstances cause you to marry someone who you don't know whether they are your ordained Kingdom partner or not?

That brings up another question: What do you do now that you're married but you didn't wait for the Spirit to confirm that your spouse is the King's choice?

Firstly, relax. Don't let the religious spirit cause you to have any regrets in this. Legalism will always bring accusation and condemnation, but our Father's love and grace is sufficient here.

Secondly, find out from the King what he has for your marriage team to do for his Kingdom. All is not lost.

Don't believe me? Well, that's how marvellous grace is and how doting our Father is towards his children.

Still not convinced that grace can redeem a marriage not ordained by Heaven? Still convinced that you're doomed because of the way you chose your spouse? Then read this next quote. It is part of Father's word

11 – This article in no way endorses 'The Sacred Search' as I haven't read it and analysed it's Kingdom content.

12 – Gary Thomas (2013) "The Sacred Search" David C. Cook p:11



to one of his sons concerning his choice of a Kingdom bride.

“My son, it is always My great desire to bring everything I have promised in your life. As you move forward with Me, your desires will become my desires. But I have also given you a choice to make on your own. I know you have asked me many times regarding your marriage and I reassure you again that what you know is from My heart. What you have heard from Me is what I would love to accomplish in your life, but only with your co-operation. I do not stop you from marrying someone else of your desire and I do not disagree with you at all. I will make things possible for you. But My son, I know your heart well! You're not afraid, but you know that you will never be satisfied with it and it always gives me great pleasure when I hear from your heart that I always bring the best for you. Yes, it is true, and it is the reality of My Kingdom which is growing in you. I have transplanted your heart with mine.”¹³

Notice that he (and all of us) have a free will to choose to marry who we want or who Father wants. Also, what Father has planned for us requires our co-operation with him. But notice that Father will not disagree with us if we choose our own marriage partner.

Be aware that when we marry who Father has chosen, and when we engage in our team Kingdom assignment, we will be fully satisfied. Never forget that the Kingdom principle of reaping and sowing always comes into play with our decisions. That means that outside of Father's will we must live with the consequences which are usually less than ideal.

So, the courtship choice is yours – his pick or yours.

In the interim period of being shown your future spouse there's a time lag where you will go through a process to prepare for your Kingdom marriage. Be ready for that to be of considerable length. Marriage needs to wait until the Spirit says, “Now” (or something like that). If you are a true son who implicitly trusts Father, then any length of time is not an issue because trust allows you to relax knowing everything is in his hands. In reality, your life will not be a waiting time, because you'll be too busy with other Kingdom business and assignments. There's too much that we need to be doing instead of cogitating on marriage or anything else for that matter.

No need to look for a spouse at all. No need to make yourself attractive to the opposite sex. No need to be fashionable to attract them either. It's all in Father's hands if you're prepared to let him do that for you. If you want to find your Kingdom marriage partner, why not ask. It's our Father's joy to reveal things to his sons and daughters. He doesn't want to hide it from you. Just choose his plans and not your own.

Now this process of finding a marriage partner will require resistance to 3 major forces:

1. The soul
2. Society
3. Peer pressure

It is a person's soul that drives them to court a spouse because of the strong desire to be loved by someone, as well as the 'drug' of being “in love”. Sexual tension also causes people to seek a mate. If a believer's soul is the dominant component of their being, not their spirit, and their commitment to the Kingdom is not deeply rooted, they will struggle just like a worldly person with their emotions. This is especially true because love is equated with a warm fuzzy feeling, not true agapē. Not to mention that some people are drop-dead gorgeous and others 'severely' stir the soul. This is why Kingdom-style courtship is difficult to comprehend and carry out.

Society in all cultures have their ways for the premarital process. Some have match-makers, some have arranged marriages, while many today provide for a person to find someone they love. There will be

13 – 'J' (1-8-2018) Personal prophetic revelation: “I Have Also Given You a Choice to Make on Your Own”
canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/08/J-Prophetic-Revelation-1-8-2018.pdf



pressure from friends, family and others to comply with society's norms. This pressure is not easy to resist.

Any person will find peer pressure (i.e. mental and emotional pressure from others) to align with the world's way of courting. It will take 'guts' to move with the Kingdom and risk alienating those who are friends and family.

The church is no different. For many years now Christians have been a mirror image of society, accepting its norms, except in a minority of cases. There may be a consensus to find 'God's choice', but the process of finding his choice will be very much like the world's method. From experience, this usually ends up with a person choosing a spouse and wanting God to approve it. (I was in the church system for around 50 years and so am very aware of their way of working.)

BTW: I shouldn't need to say anything about the loose sex maxim of 'try before you buy'. That sort of sexual activity is not approved in Father's family.¹⁴

Check out this video: "Waiting on God - A Testimony of How God Brought Two Singles Together - Michael and Anna Dow" (youtu.be/GTiYEu8JpMQ)

NOTE: I did not follow the process in this teaching when I courted my wife in the 1970's. I was not in a Kingdom mindset at that time although I was a believer in Jesus. The Kingdom has only been a reality for me as the Spirit released it in the past 5 years. The information in this teaching is a series of revelations and downloads that have been given to myself and others recently.

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