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**5 Week Topic: New Beginnings - God's Road Map for
Christian Fellowship, Friendship & Dating**

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QUICK REVIEW OF NOTES FROM LAST WEEK (Week #1)

SINGLE & SINGLE-AGAIN OPERATING SYSTEMS - Time to upgrade?

- (1) Cocooning** See Micah 7:8 **(2) Cave dwelling** See 1 Kings 19:9 **(3) Carousing** See Prov 7:21-27 **(4) Crisis & crying** See Ps 56:8
(5) Cruising Men see Judges 14-16 Women see Ruth 3:10-11 **(6) Crossing over** See Romans 1:24-28 **(7) Consuming focus** See Lu 10:41-42
(8) Constantly online See Prov 12:11 **(9) Connections through concerned people** **(10) Christ-centered** See Eph 2:8,10

With God's help any tragedy can be turned into a triumph, a mess can become a message, pain can be turned into gain, scars can become stars, and sadness can be turned to gladness.

God's windshield for your future is bigger and brighter than the rear-view mirror of your past.

THE WORLD'S LOW ROAD(S) FOR MALE-FEMALE RELATIONSHIPS

- **Worldly Dating** Focuses on physical attraction, chemistry, or availability. Frequently starts out with little knowledge of the other person. Growing physical/sexual intimacy is expected. A person's Christian faith is often left out or left behind. Chemistry is more important than someone's character and Christian commitment. Hormones are more important than holiness. Feelings are more important than your faith. This type of dating relationship is like bath water – starts out hot, but after awhile it's not so hot. See 2 Timothy 2:22
- **Friends w/Benefits** Socially and sexually active with someone or several people. See I Cor 6:9-11
- **Bullet train to fantasyland** Any attention or time someone gives someone has the other person already planning the wedding in your life together. See Prov 30:18-19 *Hard to understand...the way of a man and a maiden.*
- **Physical flings & hooking up** Trying to satisfy your sexual drive/desires with anyone available. See 1 Th 4:3-5
- **Pornography** See Ps 119:37, Philippians 4:8
- **Playing house** Moving in with someone to "save" money, "test" the relationship (i.e. "people don't buy a car without first taking it for a test drive"), or have the attitude you don't need a wedding ring or a piece of paper to live with someone. See 1 Cor 6:18-20

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS TO USE AFTER TONIGHT'S TEACHING ON "God's Road Map for Life & Relationships":

1. Share your name, where you "mainly grew up", your work/profession, and an activity you enjoy doing.
Group questions about the message. Note: Have 3 or 4 people answer each question (note: 1 or 2 should not dominate and everyone should contribute during the discussion). Tip: Stay friendly and avoid complaining about people or problems.
2. What was helpful about this teaching?
3. Did you find anything confusing?
4. What does this teaching show you about people?
5. What does this teaching show you about God?
6. How might this teaching cause you to live differently in the future?
7. Is there someone you will tell about this teaching in the next week? Why?

NEXT WEEK: 9 PHASES OF MALE-FEMALE RELATIONSHIPS with practical and helpful guidelines.

NOTE: To share the handouts, videos, and audio teachings from week #1 and this week, tell or email this website link to others anywhere in the world: www.ChristianSinglesInDenver.com

Week #2 of 5 - God's Road Map for Real Life and Relationships by Brian Kluth

1. **Faith in Christ - #1 Relationship** – Coming to know Christ and growing in your relationship with Him becomes your primary focus for the rest of your life and throughout eternity. Note: There are no marriages in heaven. Begin to discover who God is and who you are as a Christian. Note: See Brian Kluth's "His Name is Wonderful" and "Who Are You?" flyers available at www.ChristianSinglesInDenver.com.

Helpful reminder for many and new information for some:

- **Abundant Life:** John 10:10 (Jesus said) "I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly."
 - **Eternal Life:** John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 - **New Life:** 2 Cor 5:17 If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!
 - **Cleansed Life:** 1 John 1:7,9 The blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin...If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
 - **Forgiven Life:** Isaiah 6:7 Your guilt is taken away. Your sin is forgiven. Ps 103:12 He has taken our sins from us as far as the east is from the west. Micah 7:19 You will throw all our sins into the deep sea.
 - **Connected Life:** 1 John 1:7a If we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other.
 - **Redeemed Life:** 1 Peter 1:18 You were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors,
 - **Exchanged Life:** Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
2. **Family of God** – As a Christian, you are an adopted member into God's "forever family" and God desires you to gather, connect, worship, and serve with others in a local church congregation.
 3. **Fellowship** – Being a regular part of one or more Christian groups – can include classes, gatherings, events, Bible studies, outings, service projects, etc. where you can begin to personally connect with others and encourage one another.
 4. **Friendships** – Getting to begin to know some specific people in your groups on a **first name** basis. Finding out about them and taking an interest in their lives.
 5. **Friends** – Intentionally calling, contacting, and connecting with some of the people you enjoy and/or that have common interests. Getting together (often in a group setting) and connecting for socials, meals, events, outings, and activities.
Note: It is possible for people to live happy, contented, connected, meaningful, and fulfilled lives with #1-#5 only.
1 Cor 7:28 (Paul said) "Those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this."
 6. **Friend/s** (male/female)– Spending 1-to1 time connecting and getting to know someone while being FWB – *Friends with Boundaries* to honor God and respect the other person. This can be done with a number of male/female Christian friendships.
 7. **Focus** on the relationship – Having a DTR discussion (=Defining the Relationship) and *MUTUALLY* deciding to focus on building the relationship and getting to know each other better (maintain FWB).
 8. **Form** the relationship – Engagement. Shaping and laying out plans for life together (maintain FWB).
 9. **Finalize** the relationship – Wedding, sexual intimacy, honeymoon, begin living together, and becoming one in God's sight and the sight of others.
 10. **Fruitfulness** – God's desire is to bless you & help you become a blessing to others.