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Dedication

To my loving sister Tina, who went to be with the Lord July 7, 2016; to my spiritual mother Marilyn, who went to be with the Lord February 14, 2018, and to the ladies who are seeking the Lord's unconditional love and wisdom in order to be blessed with their future husband.

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Introduction

This is your beginning. Your Father knows what is best for you from before you were born to the day your spirit leaves this earth, and every moment and experience in between. The intent for this book comes from an absolute passion to see you, my dear sister, and all of my sisters in the Lord, fulfill what Jesus called the greatest commandment:

“You are to love ADONAI your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.” This is the greatest and most important mitzvah. And a second is similar to it, “You are to love your neighbor as yourself.” All of the Torah and the Prophets are dependent on these two mitzvot.

Matthew 22:37-40 (Complete Jewish Bible)

Let me clarify the meaning of a few words. *Mitzvah* and *mitzvot*, as they are used in the above scripture in the Complete Jewish Bible version, mean *commandment* and *commandments* (respectively) in Hebrew. The word *torah* is the Hebrew word to describe the first five books of the Bible. In other Bible translations, the word *torah* translates to the word *law*. I prefer using the word *torah*, as it explains in one word that it is the understanding of commandments and guidelines that God gave Moses for the people of Israel to follow and deal with daily life in His righteous way.

When you learn to love our Lord (our Heavenly Father, Jesus (Yeshua) our Brother and Savior, and the Holy Spirit, our internal Comforter and Lover of our soul) with all of your heart and soul (will, mind and emotions); then you will love your neighbor (brother or future husband) as yourself. When you learn how to love God first, then you will learn how to love

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yourself and subsequently love your neighbor. Your neighbor could be your future husband or a friend or acquaintance who connects you to their friend or acquaintance who could be your future husband. You just never know!

...but with God all things are possible.

Matthew 19:26 (NKJV)

The point is that in order for you, my dear sister, to fill your heart's desire to be purely, genuinely, and intimately loved by a man, you first must learn how to love God. Don't feel picked on, because it's the same order for men, too. When men's hearts and minds are renewed, their change will benefit you, my spiritual sister, as *qualified* bachelors in the Lord will abound. Making Jesus the Lord and Savior of your life is the first and most important decision you can make. The second decision to consider is how to choose someone to be your husband. With the lack of accountability and education, the question you as a *single* person need to ask is, "How do I learn to have appropriate boundaries and make the second most important decision in life?"

It is unfortunate that pastors are not discussing relationships and boundaries from the pulpit for those who are seeking to be married. I am not going to water down the Gospel. Sometimes, we must be real with ourselves as a body of the Messiah (Christ) and confront what could be considered *bad news* head-on so we can know how to live the Good News. The willingness to talk about healthy relationships has become a *dis-ease*. Let me explain.

If the body of Christ is not getting to the root of relationship *dis-ease*, then we as believers in Christ will continue to be just like the world. The way to kill the infection of the *dis-ease* is by getting to the root of the problem by openly discussing this

topic in the church. We will inevitably be unsuccessful in our romantic relationships and future marriages if we don't.

There are many reasons for unsuccessful relationships, but I believe one of the biggest is that we have more unholy or worldly examples of how to date or court than Godly ones. It is rare to hear advice on dating and courting from our pastors. From the pulpit, some scriptures are taught in a short thirty-minute-long to hour-long message, which may or may not be effective. We simply are not hearing enough Godly relationship messages in church. Making it even more difficult for those who are interested in courting someone is the fact that we may not have real-life examples of Christian couples to help guide, counsel, or mentor us. Many churches offer marriage counseling, but instruction on how to live a holy and pure life in Jesus as a single person is rare.

For Christians not to have good examples of people living an undefiled lifestyle doesn't make sense. Secular media and worldly and *fleshly* ways are the options that are bombarding believers on the *how-tos* of dating, courting, and keeping pure before marriage. Oh, my, I don't know about you, my sister, but my own knuckleheaded understanding and emotion-led heart can be the most deceptive of all. Following our own fleshly heart and understanding of love can cause poor decisions that could lead to trouble down the road.

Hollywood and the secular media (television shows, movies, music, magazines, novels, and the internet) with their blatantly sinful portrayal of dating doesn't make the situation any better. Godly dating examples rarely exist; scantily clad men and women, premarital-sex scenes, and pickup lines are common. Seldom can one learn how to date and be blessed with a lifelong partner through the mainstream media.

Then our friends and family give us advice whether we ask

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for it or not. We rely on their experiences of life and love and apply them to ourselves. Guidance that is good for one person may not be good for someone else. Sometimes, advice based on personal experiences can cause more damage than good. My goodness, it seems to me that advice can be a “lose-lose” situation and a cycle of self-torture and failure that has to end!

As a church, we need to stop denying our continued failures in romantic relationships with the opposite sex. No wonder the divorce rate among believers of Jesus is the same as among *the world*. I think it's obvious we need a revival of revolutionary righteousness in our relationships. If we are learning predominately from the world about romantic relationships, dating, courting, and how to have a successful marriage when the ways of this world system are obviously failing, isn't it foolish to continue learning and following the world's ways?

Now, I am not saying I have the perfect formula or answer for this problem. But, as a born again believer and single man of over twenty-one years the Lord has used me to minister to the body of Christ at the churches I have attended and also outside of the church to both single men and women and even help married couples. But I am saying that together, with the Word of God, the Holy Spirit's guidance, and help from qualified pastors, elders, leaders, and Christian couples that have followed God's plan for relationships and are successful, we too can be victorious.

This book will challenge you, shock you, and maybe even make you laugh and cry. Most importantly, I pray, hope, and believe that it will help you search your heart, mind, and soul to make sure your priorities are in order. Once your priorities are in order and you have placed your full hope and heart in God first, then your heart's desire will come to pass. So, my sister,

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yield yourself to the Lord, and He will give you the desires and secret petitions of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord [roll and repose each care of your load on Him]; trust [lean on, rely on, and be confident] also in Him and He will bring it to pass.

Psalm 37:4 (AMP)

The Word of God also states:

But seek (aim at and strive after) first His kingdom and His righteousness (His way of doing and being right), and then all these things taken together will be given you besides.

Matthew 6:32-33 (AMP)

Therefore, my heart's desire is for you to draw closer to our Heavenly Father than ever before. Become the woman of God He has called you to be. Fully trust Him, and give Him the honor to be your Most High Father. Then on your wedding day, He can give you, His highly precious daughter, a man He has deemed worthy of you.