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QUEEN AND SLIM

“LOVE STORY” SERIES

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Relationships are equity in the Kingdom of God and faith is the foundation of good relationships. Who we are in relationship with matters. If we put the right things into our relationships, we will get the right things out of them.

Queen and Slim is a modern love story about a first date. Queen is an attorney that is curt, closed off, and delayed connecting with Slim. On the way home from the date they find themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time. A crime is committed and they are attempting to flee from it using 5 different cars.

Life is too short to ride with someone you don't agree with. Our modern day Queen and Slim are Abraham and Sarah. Let's see what crime they committed in their love story.

THIS WILL BE A RECORD BREAKING YEAR IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS.

THE CRIME

*Genesis 11:31-32 NIV - [31] Terah took his son Abram, his grandson Lot son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, the wife of his son Abram, and together **they set out from Ur of the Chaldeans to go to Canaan.** But when **they came to Harran, they settled there.** [32] Terah lived 205 years, and he died in Harran.*

- You are committing a crime in the spirit when you settle. To settle means you didn't finish, you stopped. You set out for one place but settled for something else.
- When you settle, the people in your life also settle. You get what you settle for.
- Be grateful for what you have, but never settle for less than what you deserve.
- 6 crimes committed in the spirit when you settle:
 - Settled
 - Don't listen to divine instructions on how or when to get out
 - Abort the promises of God because you settled
 - Not to obey Him
 - Allow your age to stop you
 - Don't leave some people behind

What have you settled for when you should've kept moving? What crime(s) have you committed in the Spirit?

1) CONNECTION – LEAVE WITH YOU!

Genesis 12:1, 5 NIV - [1] The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and

your father's household to the land I will show you. [5] He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

- You have to make a choice of who you are going to allow in your space.
- You need to connect with someone who is able to both ride and drive.
- You have to ride with someone determined to get out of the reach of the enemy.
- Check your connections early on. You want to connect to anything or anyone who makes you better.

Who have you allowed to get close to you? What does their character look like?

Amos 3:3 NIV - Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?

- There is more than one way to get to your destination. Let the differences be in the “how” to get there, not the “where.”
- Make sure the people you connect with are on the same page.
 - Daniel and the Hebrew boys had the same sacrifice
 - David in the cave of Adullum with 400 men
 - Paul and Silas in jail shook the foundation because of their praise

Reflect on your relationships and connections. What is the most important thing that connects you?

CONNECTION WILL COST YOU CONVENIENCE.

2) CHANGE – CHANGE WITH YOU!

Genesis 17:5, 15 NIV - [5] No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. [15] God also said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you are no longer to call her Sarai; her name will be Sarah.

- When God changes you, He's revealing who you really are. The rest of you is the best of you.
- Based on the destination, you are not going to stay the same. There is more in you. Don't die as Abram/Sarai when there is an Abraham/Sarah still in you.
- God will give you a new name and you will become the person you always wanted to be. You will change how you look, think, speak, act, and walk.
- Don't allow people to come near you if they are not changing. It is time for you to evolve.

As you embark on your journey with God, what changes have you noticed? How have these changes impacted your relationships? Are you still connected to the same people? Why/why not?

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS LEAVE ROOM FOR YOU TO GROW.

3) COMMITMENT – WAIT WITH YOU!

Genesis 16:16 NIV - Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

Genesis 17:1 NIV - When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless.

- Every relationship has difficulties that will test commitment. Trouble will show you who is committed to you.
- When you don't wait for the promise, you create a problem.

Recall a time in your life when you had to wait on the Lord. Who in your crew waited with you? What was their heart's posture as they waited with you?

*1 Corinthians 13:5 NIV - It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, **it keeps no record of wrongs.***

- Love is what love does. If you love someone, you can't keep bringing up the past. Learn to let it go.
- Sin doesn't make sense. Clean the slate and move forward.

What past transgression are you still holding over someone? Why can't you let it go?

YOU CAN NOT PULL OUT OF A RELATIONSHIP WHAT YOU DID NOT PUT IN IT.

4) CARRY YOU – SACRIFICE WITH YOU!

Genesis 22:2-3 NIV - [2] Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love---Isaac---and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.” [3] Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about.

- Those who are with you must be strong enough to carry you.
- Relationships are tested by sacrifice.
- You need to be with those who can do for you what sometimes you can't do for yourself.

Who picks you up when you fall? Do they just prop you up or walk alongside you?

Ecclesiastes 4:12 - Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

• The one carrying you must be willing to endure no matter what happens.
Are your relationships bonded by God? How has He strengthened your relationships?

THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP WITHOUT A RISK.

QUESTION

Who's riding with you?

DECLARATION

I will not settle for less than what God has for me. He will divinely connect me with people who will leave, change, wait, and sacrifice with me.

PRAYER

Lord, I repent for the sins I have committed in the spirit. Show me my true connections. Show me the ones who are connected, willing to change, committed to the journey and can carry me when I fall. I trust You, God, to remove every connection that means me harm. As I yield to receive the divine connections You have for me, sit me in a place to cultivate, nurture, and respect those connections. In Jesus' name, Amen!