

## TV Dinners 05: Dating, Mating, and Cohabiting Scot Longyear

**Invite God into your dating, mating, and cohabiting.**

### **Dating:**

1. Is for the purpose of leading to marriage
2. Is to be with someone of the same values

2 Corinthians 6:14-15

*14 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do Righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 15 What harmony is there between Christ and Belial[a]? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?*

Modern dating - focus on **finding** the right person

Biblical dating - focus on **being** the right person

### **Mating:**

Genesis 2:24 (NIV)

*For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.*

Deuteronomy 6:4

*4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.*

“One” - “Echad” – “Unified oneness”

Sex (culture): *a physical recreational activity between 2 consenting adults*

Sex (Biblical): *a physical, emotional, and spiritual joining of two people.*

Song of Solomon 3:5 (NLT)

*Promise me . . . not to awaken love until the time is right.*

I Corinthians 7:5

*Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.*

(“If we aint prayin’ then we out to be playin’)

## **Cohabiting**

Matthew 19: 4-6

*4 “Haven’t you read,” he replied, “that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’[a] 5 and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’[b]? 6 So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”*

Isaiah 1:18

*“Come now, let us settle the matter,”  
says the Lord.*

*“Though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;  
though they are red as crimson,  
they shall be like wool.*

2 Corinthians 5:17

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:[a] The old has gone, the new is here!*