

# 1829 Podcast

## LEADER GUIDE - RED FLAGS, RESPECT & REAL LOVE

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### Key Takeaways:

1. A healthy relationship with God must precede a healthy relationship with others
2. Your spouse does not complete you - Jesus is your Savior, not your significant other
3. Physical attraction matters, but character, shared values, and friendship are foundational
4. Community input and covering/blessing from spiritual leaders and family is important
5. Honesty and open communication are essential in dating and marriage
6. Singleness is not a waiting room but a valuable season to serve God fully and develop disciplines
7. Lead with where you want to be, not where you are - develop disciplines now for future relationships
8. Marriage requires intentional work, gratitude, serving one another, and creating healthy habits

### Discussion Questions:

1. How can serving in ministry during singleness prepare you for future relationships and marriage in ways that simply waiting cannot?
2. What does it mean practically to pursue God first before pursuing a relationship, and how can you tell if you've made dating an idol?
3. How does the biblical principle of treating each other as brothers and sisters in Christ shape the way we approach dating and relationships?
4. In what ways does trusting God as your ultimate savior prevent you from placing unrealistic expectations on a spouse to complete or fulfill you?
5. What role should community and wise counsel play in your dating relationships, and how can you distinguish between helpful input and unhelpful pressure?
6. What does it mean to lead with where you want to be rather than where you are, and how can this principle shape your spiritual disciplines during singleness?
7. In what ways can mentorship during singleness equip you with godly wisdom and perspective that will strengthen your future marriage?

### Next Step Application:

- Gratitude Practice: This week, practice saying "thank you" to the people closest to you
- Mentorship: Identify one older couple whose marriage you admire. Ask them about their relationship journey.

