

The Dating Dilemma Part 3b

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On the way back to take time to his house I said you're probably wondering why I did this Tom. Something happened 13 years ago. Good night. Why do you deal with that now? I said I've been a Christian ever since I've known you but I haven't been a good. I've been a rotten one. Jesus Christ wasn't Lord of my life. He's just my savior but I've let him be my lord my boss Tom and that man sat and listened to me for 20 minutes as I went through the gospel with him. I know a man that went over to his brother's house to clear his conscience with him and after he did his brother said yes I forgive you for what you did five years ago to me and I have been waiting for you for five years. Sit down here in this chair and tell me about your Jesus.

Now but when we're talking about male female stuff is it oh. Watch out if you are not presently dating this person you don't go to the person in person. You don't put it in writing you don't want to document anything you get on the horn they get on the phone I realize that while we were dating years ago I was not the kind of person I should have been and I want to know something. Will you forgive me for that now when you go you cannot can expect them to go Oh will you forgive me too because maybe they won't they don't see it that way especially if you're the man that's clearing your conscience and you're the one that put the moves on her she's thinking well I didn't put the moves on him he put them on me pervert Hey so you don't go in person why would you believe this. I have challenged people not to do that they go over to the past partners place

and end up in bed with them again I've had it happen boy I've missed you looking pretty good c'mere let let me let me just give you a hug it's so so good to see God wants you free from the past.

Now the military guys always ask this question man I went to bed with these women over here in these foreign countries I don't know their name God knows you don't know their names you can't get in touch with them by phone OK I believe what you do there is Father if you ever want me to clear my conscience with these people that I don't know how to get a hold of bring them across my path or give me some information about how I can contact them and I'll do it what if you want to clear your conscience with your parents or a parent or a person that's deceased in your parents I believe you do this let's say your dad is passed away and you wronged him you haven't got a clear conscience toward him I believe. Here's what you do. You go to your mom therefore shall a man leave his father's mother and cleave to his wife and the two shall become one flesh so your parents were one flesh. You go to your mom and have her represent you dad ask for her forgiveness if she'll forgive you. Representing the dad. That sound weird.

Got any questions there [Audience Question]. What if the person is married now? Good question. You don't want to open up some can of worms. Right. I would try to get a work number on that person and call them their rather than at home. Now that's delicate that's very delicate and I and I know you need to pray for direction on that. I can give you one quick one before we go on to the next point. She in this married man had an affair for a year. A sexual affair then another year went by and he moved back to his home town with his wife he told the mistress. During that year that he was sexually involved with her that his wife knew about their

affair. Now she hears what you're hearing today is so convicted. She wants to take care of her past and so she called from Buffalo to Detroit Michigan to this man's home his wife answered and the woman's wife said he's not home and so she thought well as long as I'm calling and the one the wife knows about it I'll ask for her forgiveness too. So she asked her forgiveness for having an affair with her husband. He'll be back in town and home Thursday and hung up on her. Now this woman the mistress calls me and says Look what I've done I've probably messed up this man's marriage. Well there's a possibility of that. And I said but I believe you were scriptural in doing what you did if you prayed that if you should do this and you had a piece in your hand just flooded you it was very strong. And so she's what do I do as a callback Thursday. Then write me a letter and tell me what happened. OK. So about a week later I got this letter. You wouldn't believe this. I called Thursday that man's house and ask for his forgiveness. And he said he forgave me and then he said before you hang up I want to thank you for calling the other day because my wife didn't know about the affair. I lied to you but when you ask for her forgiveness and that blew her sky high she told me when I got back from my trip that she suspected during that year that I was messing around and it brought this to a head and I I got that settled with my wife and we're doing better now than we ever had. Believe that or not.

I'm going to guess that you are about to hear something that you think you've heard before. But look out. I'm going to guess that you haven't heard what I'm about to say. No not Romans 12:1-2 again I could quote that one sideways to you brother I beseech you therefore brother and to the mercies of God that you present your body as a living sacrifice. OK let's stop right there. I'm the kind of guy that believes all know you've probably gone to this service and and an emotional appeal was made to you. And wouldn't you like to dedicate your life to Jesus and you may be

gone to the front if that's what you do in your church and you've now maybe you cried and you ever look around later and wonder where that dedication went. I used to go to camps a lot. You know when I was working with teenagers and tell you the truth when I was about 36 I got tired of that man I got tired of them putting frogs in my sleeping bag and then playing trampoline. And I'm counseling till all hours and I go back and sneak in the bunkhouse and they're all asleep and I get in my sleeping bag and all these frog guts go through my toes. You know as I get in my sleep I got tired of that after a while. So here I was at this camp six hundred teenagers in Wisconsin. I'll give you an example. What happens on Friday night. Oh we're leaving tomorrow. I got to do something spiritual. Oh God. I'll have devotions every day for the rest of my life. Oh I'll witness every person I see forever. About two days later you know you're back chewing and spitting in your cup and shacking up with the girls and lipping off to your mother and whatever you know.

So I got so tired of that as it this camp was 600 teenagers and Friday night. OK. Got to do something spiritual and maybe. And please don't think I'm not going all of this but a lot of times they have you know a service where you throw your little stick in the fire and that's a representation that you are now consumed in Christ and you're gonna dedicate your life to him I. They set up a microphone and one by one for forty five straight minutes here's what happened. I was here at this camp last year and I had a wonderful time and I dedicated my life on Friday night at the Fire. The Fireside service the Camp Fire Service and and I. Well I really didn't live for Jesus and boy this year though it's gonna be different. I heard that for forty five stinking minutes and I wanted to vomit in my sweatshirt there over there in the corner. And finally this one guy this one guy walked up to the microphone and he said well I found out about the

Lordship of Christ at this camp last year and I'll tell you it made a major difference in me. I've been spending time in the word it's made a difference in my relationship with my parents and I want you know it's been the best year of my whole life. Sat down Wait a minute where did this guy come from.

Boy dedication but this verse I want you to look at. Maybe from a new perspective if Paul is the author of Romans Can you picture yourself being the only person in this auditorium right now and this happening to you this door swings open and Paul comes in here. He comes over next to you. And gets down on his knees. I beseech means I beg. All right now he's gonna beg you to do something. Are you humbled right now? Good night. This guy wrote 13 or 14 books of the New Testament he didn't just get his name put in there. You wrote 13 or 14 books. Are we talking godly. Hold the phone or we talking godly and he looks at you with the compassion that you never seen in anybody's eyes. And he says I beg you to present your body a living sacrifice holy acceptable which is the perfect will of God. However that goes. Okay now here's the part I'm gonna guess that you haven't heard before I believe in talking straight.

Okay so here it comes let's start way up here. With your body your eyes Oh first day on the dating dilemma a guy is excited by sight. A woman's excited by touch. After he has won her heart. Watch this gross example let's say this guy's agreed to do this. Put him in a room all by himself and he agrees he won't he won't leave under any circumstances. And we send this gorgeous gorgeous woman into this room. She's going to go along with the plan that we've set up. Start putting the moves on this guy and so he didn't know anything about this. He's sitting in his chair and she walks up to him and starts curling his hair back here. Little twist. And he starts

getting a fever. Right there on the spot and she sits on his lap. Kind of rubs his nose against hers. Hold on. And then she gets your lips right about a quarter of an inch from his and she's looking him right in his eyes. And then she jumps up and runs out of the room and he's. He can't leave though. He can't leave. That's the agreement. We've got this video camera going scene looking at this whole thing. And boy he gets his hanky out. Whoo hoo. Now we send woman number two in and same routine and then she jumps up and runs up.

Now let's reverse the whole thing put a woman in there can't leave the room bring this guy in Hey what's happening. Foxy looking thing aren't you. And then he starts putting the moves on her [Yelling]. Good. Night. He's dead Oh no he's dead. So a woman isn't just excited by touch. She's excited by touch after he has won her heart. He and those other guys from those other colleges those perverts. Man you can put you have some woman put the moves on him and he'll do it. But nine times out of six. He's gone and he's gone. He'll give in. OK so all guys we've got to watch what we watch. What we read what we view on screen. Oh because that'll start feeding the appetite here's my mouth. Helped me not to talk about what I shouldn't talk about. I was at a college in Mount Vernon Ohio and this girl said to me nobody knows this but I'm having sex with one of the guys here on campus and I got a guy back in my hometown and I lived with him during Christmas vacation. Do you had sex with him too? mmhmm. Why did I tell you that? Body tongue. Oh did you two let me ask you a question. You're talking to the guy on the phone back and forth in my hometown to campus and could ask you a question you don't have to answer if you don't want to talk about sex on the phone. She said well it wasn't phone sex. Did you talk about sex on the phone? Billy Graham's number one topic on college. Duke senior high

in junior high. Campus or dangerous let elderly Stone say the word dangerous you heard this yesterday French kissing intercourse from the neck up so male organ in the female organ.

How do you kiss if you kiss? One couple after they took my college classes. You talk about exciting days in ministry. One hundred and sixty five students in that class wooden floor tiered like a choir room and when I'd walk in the room they'd start stomping their feet on that floor and sound like a herd of elephants coming north on Tuesday you know. And then they'd start chanting. Chanting needed some more Stone feed us some more Stone. I could hardly wait to get to class so we go through some of this stuff in that class curriculum of 32 hours. One of the couples that we're dating in that class came up to me after and said OK we've changed our approach to dating our kisses are not going to last longer than three seconds and I wanted to say. Do you count? One thousand one thousand. Do you know? I have never met one person that fell over a cliff by standing 10 feet back from the edge. Don't ask me for a scripture verse on that.

I've never met anyone that got burned by staying away from the fire. It's a trap. And some of you could stand to your feet and give a horrible testimony about. You can't eat one potato chip Oh oh it just starts and I've met couples that have had sex with each other and then they break up and then they come to me and say oh what are we going to do. Well once you've tasted I think you've got a whale of a problem on your hands to keep from getting involved again. You ever heard this one. This is from Walter Trobisch's book I Married You powerful book T R O B I S C H. Walter Trobisch Sex can be the Death of Love. Oh they were so in love and then they went up the ladder. Doing what comes naturally yes but that isn't right. Feeding that drive and oh no intercourse takes place and it may not happen in both but a whole lot of times with that woman

something dies inside of her or with the man. A lot of times it's disrespectful. I wouldn't want to marry a woman like you you gave in prior to marriage. You hunky well. You're pointing the finger of blame at her. Wow okay.

Here's my tongue's father how we not to talk about what I shouldn't talk about. Help me keep it my own mouth. Cause that'll stir up the juices like crazy. Oh yeah. Here's my hands pray that they won't go any place where they shouldn't go do anything they shouldn't do whether it's with myself or with a dating partner to get specific ladies here are my sexual organs men here's my sexual organ I read dedicate even this part or these parts of my body back to you you gave it to me in the first place. Here's my feet pray they don't go any place where I shouldn't go I had a woman come in to see me because I got a problem with trust with my husband boy I got a problem with him I said What. What started it? She said well he said he had to work late Friday night and so Saturday morning I got a call from Sammy's Gogo place Hey we found your beeper last night. You can come by and pick it up. His beeper fell off while he was at Sammy's watching the topless ladies there Oh be sure your sin will find you. So you dedicated your body part by part to God. Here I am a walking miracle of you a person for whom Jesus died. I give you back my body talking holy property.

Now oh but the body's not the key. It's the mind isn't it because the mind tells the body what to do? You can even keep from going to the bathroom by having your mind say no not yet not yet. Well most of the time. OK so now we're talking verse 2. I think you're getting a little anxious wind up here. Verse 2. You know what it is be not conformed to this world be transformed you mean we can be transformed. By the renewing of your mind. Put a lot of junk in there have you

seen some things you shouldn't have seen. Read some things you shouldn't have read. Here I am in a camp in Ohio. I look back in that audience in that I couldn't tell if that was one person or two back there. They were almost neck and during my my session whole. You ever seen when you pull your car up the pocket and you get out. You look back at the hood and you go oh you'll see all that stuff coming off the hood. I can see that back of the auditorium. Boy were they cozy. That was Monday then Tuesday and then Wednesday Wednesday. I'm in the lunch line and I see the couple come around the edge of the building and both of them have black eyes I'm already thinking something real nasty but I just keep quiet. Stand in my line. Be good boy. All right. Now what happens on Friday. Don't panic. We're going home tomorrow. Got to talk to Stone. OK so I counsel from 9:30 to 1:30 my black eyed couple is the last sitting out in the auditorium waiting for me so we sit down and I say you know what. I don't know. I don't know what you but it's pretty late and I'm awful tired. And I'd like to maybe save us some time could I make some guesses. I go. Go ahead held up fingers like this.

Number one you dated each other before you came here. Number two you're sexually involved with each other and have probably for at least six months. Number three sex no longer has its intended value the old zap has gone you've been reading material to stimulate your sexual drives number five you beat up each other on Wednesdays and both loved it. That girl looked at him and said good night he got all five right. He said oh no a missed number five she said what do you mean. Well when I was beating you up you started crying she said yeah but when I when I found out you were going to stop I quit crying. I looked at him and I said what I'd be allowed to know how old you are. He said Yeah I'm 17. I looked at her and I said would I be allowed to know how old you are. And she said I just turned 15 last week. We have had sex so many times.

Yes we've been reading pornographic juicy paperbacks to each other to stir up one another. Boy you feed your mind the wrong stuff. See you can't act right if you're not thinking straight. How can you live right if you're thinking wrong?

So a lot of times people come to these kind of sessions and they'll go Oh good night I felt worse after I left than I did when I came in or a counseling session the same way. Yeah I understand that. What do you mean you understand that picture your mind as a sink some debris you have allowed to come in. Some came in there and you didn't you didn't plan it. You didn't let it. It just came in there. OK let's say the water the sink is full of water and all that debris settles down to the bottom of the sink in a session like this starts stirring up all that stuff and it starts to surface and you go yuck and I say instead of going yuck and you run from it and leave or say the guy is all wet. He didn't even know what's happening got his head in the sand deal with what surfaces so I believe God's word is the only thing that's gonna get rid of the stuff that you put in there that you shouldn't put in there. By the washing in by the washing of the word Ephesians 5 renewing of the mind Scripture by reading it and studying it and memorizing it and meditating on it it's gonna get rid of that a lot of that junk that's in there. Some of it will surface and you'll just have to apply James 4:7. Submit yourself there. Therefore to God resist the devil don't you. Constant Oh I remember that night well that outfit she had on just turn me on as soon as I picked her up. No you don't concentrate on that resist the devil and he'll flee from you boy I'm horny tonight. No no no no no no no no no no no no no no like to go find me a woman. Oh no not our will God substitute yours in the place of mine.

I got another story for you I was in a hotel not a motel a hotel I walked out of my room this had a door on it and right across the hall. Was another room with the door propped open and a woman sitting in and a real real real real short skirt and her legs were spread aimed at the door and I came out of my room and she said Would you like to come in for a while I'm so thankful I can say to you what I said to her no thank you.

OK. Let's end with. Well naturally you've got to do that you do you're going to get in trouble if you go to her apartment no one's home avoid all potential traps oh she's got a bit of a bad reputation but but see maybe I could share Jesus with her. He's not a Christian but he's got muscles in places that no other guys that I've dated had places and Oh God I'll I'll be a missionary to this hunk yes. I feel the call. I mean he's co-captain of the football team. Who wouldn't want to go out with him? You see what he's driving. He's got the finest 300zx I've ever seen in my life.

Okay let's end with this. I want to tell you about Scottie Scottie heard the biological hand grenade ladder in his Christian High School by me when he is a sophomore in high school I didn't know this until about two years ago. Scotty and three of his buddies got together and made a pact we're not gonna have sex until we get married. It's gonna be that night we get married. I don't know if they slit their wrists shared some blood or whatever they did but they made a pact with each other. OK. Boy Two guys fell off that wagon in a great big hurry. Now we've got Scotty and his best buddy of the three. All right. And so they kept faithful for probably five years Scotty went on to the University of Alabama. Did two of his years there went down to LeTourneau University and graduated cum laude there. Who Scotty. My partner's son and a year

ago last summer his best buddy came over to Scotty's house and said I think no not I think my girl is ten weeks pregnant man Scotty cried. He's the only one left his buddy married his pregnant girlfriend didn't get any counseling. He's in college and he's trying to get through and he's making minimum wage and they ended in divorce. His wife was running around on him Scotty remains true. And what happened last December Bob Palmer my partner that I worked with for twenty one years and I and our wives drove to Texas and married Virgin Scotty to the virgin Karen. And it was so gorgeous to be involved in that marriage ceremony knowing that both of those individuals had been faithful to God. And maybe it's too late for you. And remember there's unconditional forgiveness for you waiting at the foot of the cross. He's got his arms open waiting for you all right. So what's the punchline here? What's the end of this? I want to get out of here you say. OK after the wedding was over we went over to Scotty's apartment. And there on his bulletin boards board his court bulletin board was letter after letter after letter after letter from people on LeTourneau university campus congratulating Scotty and Karen for remaining faithful to God. They weren't looked down on. They were looked up to so we're not talking safe sex here we're talking abstinence is it wrong.

I'd say it was wrong. Look at all that scripture. This is being taped I better go. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 1 Corinthians 6:18 flee fornication. 2 Timothy 2:22 flee don't tiptoe around it. Don't see how close you can get to the edge how close to the fire you're gonna fall you're gonna get burned abstain from flesh fleshly lust 1 Peter 2:11 Romans 13:14 make no provision avoid potential traps for the flesh to fulfill the lust there of 1 Thessalonians 5:22 abstain from all appearance of evil not if it's just evil but if it looks like it we weren't doing a thing well you were alone in that woman's apartment to one. Listen don't let people go you know thinking nasty things about their

perverted minds could do avoid all appearance of evil. 1 Corinthians 7:1 is good for a man not to touch a woman let's end right there. Touch have you ever seen some of the Christian schools that use that as a verse. All right I saw you two just touched elbows you get up to the dean admin's office you are in serious trouble. That's 18 demerits every time you do that. Boy you're gonna be out of here we're shipping you home on the highway you won't see anything but your dust but they never explain the verse to the students doesn't mean we're good for a man not to touch a woman here's what it means don't kindle a sexual fire in a woman don't take her up that biological hand grenade ladder you're not only wronging her but you're increasing her sexual drive so what's she gonna do on the next date. Probably left off where you start off where you left off or go a lot faster from the bottom rung to where you left off with her oh don't don't be responsible for kindling a sexual fire in a woman.

I hope this made sense and thanks for hanging in there with me. It's been an absolute delight to be at Biola. Thank you.

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