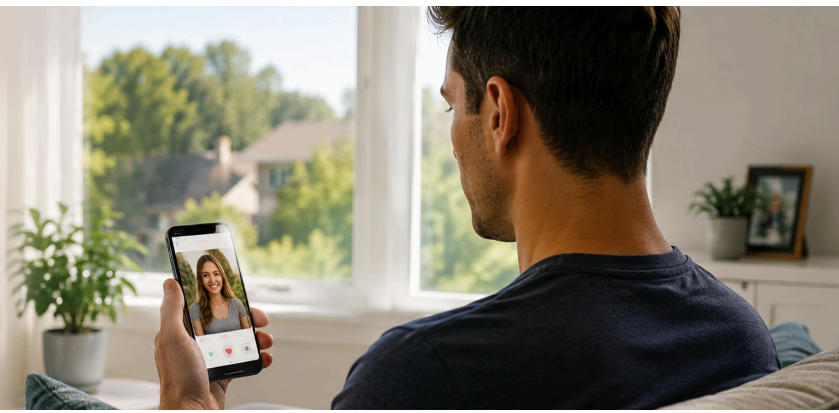


# BIBLICAL WISDOM

for

## ONLINE DATING

with Ben Brenneman



### Breakout Session

May 20, 2026

Guest Speaker: Ben Brenneman

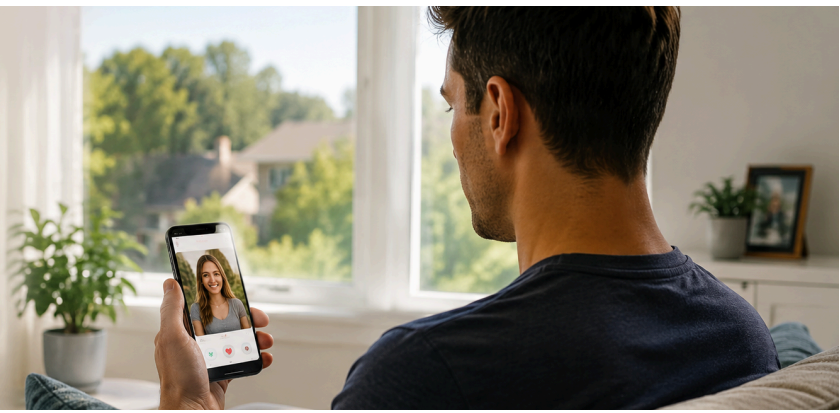
## Biblical Wisdom for Online Dating

- Prepare yourself wisely (Eph. 5:15).
  - Are you in the right place spiritually and emotionally? (Matt. 6:6; Matt. 6:25-29)
  - Do you have standards set, anchored in the Bible, and are you willing to uphold them? (Amos 3:3; Prov. 11:14)
  - Do it for the right reasons—Don't do it casually (Matt. 26:41; 1 Pet. 5:8-9).
- Be intentional and purposeful (Dan. 1:8).
  - Be clear on your profile and who you “swipe” on (Rom. 1:16).
    - Is your faith public? (Rom. 1:16)
    - The people you choose need to have realized potential now (1 Cor. 15:33; 2 Tim. 1:7).
  - Don't let your relationships live online (Matt. 10:16; 2 Cor. 5:7).
- Guard your heart (Prov. 4:23).
  - Have an accountability partner—don't go through it alone (Prov. 27:17)
  - Take breaks—it can be draining (Isaiah 26:3; Psalm 127:2; 2 Tim. 1:7).

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### Breakout Session Questions



## QUESTIONS for Girls

LET'S GROW IN WISDOM TOGETHER AND PURSUE RELATIONSHIPS THAT HONOR GOD.

- 1 How can I show interest in a guy without feeling like I'm chasing him?
- 2 How do I discern whether a guy is genuinely pursuing Christ or just knows how to say the right things?
- 3 How do I get into dating if I've never been in a dating relationship before?
- 4 How can I guard my heart emotionally while getting to know someone?
- 5 How do I know if I'm settling because I'm tired of waiting?
- 6 What are red flags that ladies often ignore early on?
- 7 How should I respond if a guy's pursuit feels inconsistent or unclear?
- 8 What is some of the worst advice you were given in dating?
- 9 How can ladies pursue purity not just physically, but emotionally and mentally as well?



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## QUESTIONS for Guys

LET'S GROW IN WISDOM TOGETHER AND PURSUE RELATIONSHIPS THAT HONOR GOD.

- 1 What steps do I have to take to let women know I'm interested? Someone told me to "put myself out there," and honestly, I don't know what that looks like.
- 2 How do I tell her to spell it out or explain what she means because I don't always pick up on hints?
- 3 What are the most important questions to ask someone you are interested in?
- 4 How can I pursue a woman confidently without being pushy or awkward?
- 5 How can I grow into the kind of man who is ready for marriage—mentally, spiritually, and emotionally? What if I feel intimidated to pursue someone because I don't feel successful enough yet?
- 6 How should I handle rejection in a mature and godly way?
- 7 What are some signs that a woman is spiritually mature and worth pursuing?
- 8 How can I guard purity in a culture that constantly normalizes lust?
- 9 What is some of the worst advice you were given in dating?



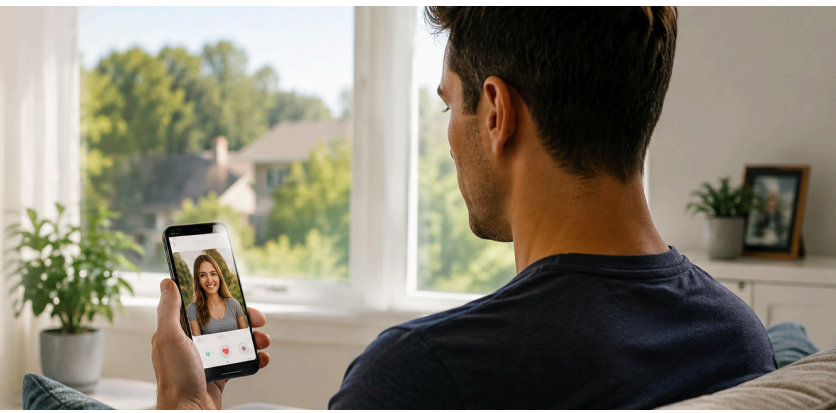
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## Prayer:

**Scripture:** “And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.”  
**Romans 15:14**

### Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:

- Cross Impact IU Indy and Purdue Indy
  - Souls to be saved—Tabling and Spiritual Surveys—Goal of 27 surveys
  - Solid finish to the semester (continued outreach, officer selection, CFC switch)
  - Officer Nominations this week
- Single Focus (Connect, Grow, Serve)
  - Capitalizing on what God is doing in our city and nation
  - Upcoming Activities

### Specific Requests:

- Margaret’s brother’s family adoption situation
- Josiah Barfield’s witnessing opportunities
- Marissa Smiley’s stroke and spiritual state
- Joel’s professor, Dr. Shelley
- Reagan Randall’s college job situation

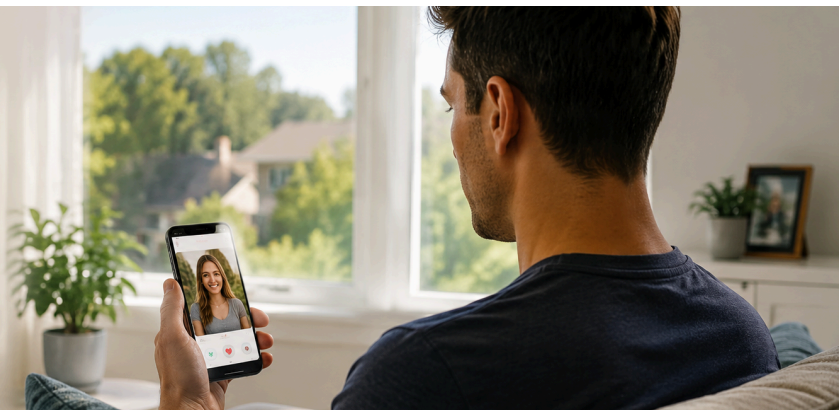
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## Announcements:

- Join the GroupMe for informal fellowships!
- Golf Cart Ministry
- High School Graduate Welcome—May 27
- Fireside—June 6 at the Klink's home—6-9 PM
- Romshe Scholarship
- Leadership Schedule and Sunday Night Fellowship schedule are in progress
- Summer World Cup Opportunity



## Order of service for tonight:

- **Opening Game:** Unclaimed Luggage—4 Corners
- **Opener:** Pastor Andy
- **Scripture:** Romans 15:14
- **Songs:** Pastor Andy
  - I Love the Church (verses 1, 3, 4, 6—on screen—p. 62 in the SF book)
  - God's Word, My Guide (verses 1-2—on screen—pgs. 129 in the Wilds book)
- **Prayer:** Pastor Andy
- **Announcements:** Pastor Andy
- **Message:** Pastor Andy

