

I Kissed Dating Goodbye Chapter 2

Dianna Anderson offers a fresh approach to the purity conversation, one that opens a new dialogue with the most influential Christian authors of her generation. Anderson's new sexual ethics draw on core biblical principles and set a standard for today's Christians that may be as influential as Joshua Harris' *I Kissed Dating Goodbye*, Don Raunikar's *Choosing God's Best*, and Elisabeth Elliot's *Passion and Purity*. Anderson uses her own illuminating experience with the purity movement to: Reach out to women and men trying to reconcile their own sexuality with their understanding of "what God wants," cultural stigma, and media pressures. Demonstrate how Christian ideas about purity have infiltrated American politics and culture—and why women are losing. Offer an affirmative, healing path for everyone to understand their sexuality: one that reconciles scripture, culture, and common sense. Provocative and engaging, she will revolutionize the way you think about sex, abstinence, politics, and faith.

Offers wisdom and guidance for Christians to strengthen their faith, discussing how God speaks to individuals, how Jesus' death on the cross paid for sins, who the Holy Spirit is, and more.

Living in a "perfect" world without social ills, a boy approaches the time when he will receive a life assignment from the Elders, but his selection leads him to a mysterious man known as the Giver, who reveals the dark secrets behind the utopian facade.

Navigating the Four Critical Seasons of Relationship The vast majority of young people will still pass through the key phases of singleness, dating, engagement and marriage in their twenties. Yet they are delaying marriage longer than any generation in human history. Why? For the first time in history, the average age for an American woman having her first child, 26, is younger than the average age of her first marriage, 27. More children than ever are growing up in fatherless homes, despite the overwhelming evidence that in every measurable way this is bad for the child. The Center for Disease Control also recently reported a dramatic rise in sexually transmitted disease nationwide. In Rhode Island alone, since the onset of online dating, reported cases of Syphilis has risen 79%, and HIV has increased by 33%. Though many young people can avoid early pregnancy and STDs, most cannot dodge the depression and feelings of isolation that characterize this modern generation. Studies show a dramatic rise in self-reported loneliness among the young. All of our technological connectivity has not made us feel more connected. In many ways, the very screens that are meant to link us to others have become shields blocking us from the deep intimacy we crave. Many have discovered that where there is a lack of intimacy, addiction often rises to take its place. How can a young person navigate such troubled waters? Is there hope out there? Like a sailor on turbulent seas, we need to look up and see the North Star: the fixed points in the sky whereby we might navigate the objective realities in life. We need the skill-set to know how to journey through life and how to select the right people to journey alongside. In this book we will chart a course through the four relational phases that the vast majority of human beings on the planet will pass through in their twenties: singleness, dating, engaged and married. In each of these phases, we will look at what eternal purposes should be pursued in each stage, and how to pursue them. **SINGLENES: DEVOTION DATING: EVALUATION ENGAGED: UNIFICATION MARRIED: MISSION** Our desires for intimacy are powerful. This power can be constructive or destructive. Our satisfaction and our safety will be ensured if we can aim these powerful desires toward divine purposes.

God wants you to have amazing sex There is nothing more powerful on earth than the forces of love, sex, and romance. In fact, relationships are a matter of life-and-death importance. So how you can train today for the relationship you want tomorrow? In *Swipe Right*, Levi Lusko shares with raw honesty from his own life experiences and God's Word how to regret-proof your marriage bed and your deathbed resist settling for instant pleasure by discovering what your heart really longs for learn how to avoid and treat sexual scars by careful living today turn the clumsy "sex talk" with your child into dialogue that leads to wise choices transform a stagnant marriage by trading predictable nearness for mind-blowing intimacy God's dreams for your life are not intended to kill your joy but to enhance it. Whether you're fed up with dating and hooking up as usual, tired of being single, numb because of porn and casual sex, or curious about how to improve your marriage, this book is for you. Praise for *Swipe Right* "It's my hope that whoever reads this will have their thoughts of the heart as seriously provoked as mine have been." —Ryan Good Producer, writer, and entrepreneur "It's a perspective I believe we need now more than ever." —Steven Furtick Pastor, Elevation Church, and New York Times bestselling author "One day, someday, there will be a day where you will need the down-to-earth wisdom in this book like you will oxygen." —Joel Houston Songwriter, Hillsong United, and pastor, Hillsong NYC "Swipe Right isn't just another book of how-not-tos but an honest, gritty, and real-time approach to navigating dating, sex, and romance with our souls and sanity intact." —Judah Smith Lead pastor, The City Church, and New York Times bestselling author of *Jesus Is _____*. "Swipe Right is a timely, wonderful, prophetic, and needed message for our generation." —Christine Caine Founder of the A21 Campaign and bestselling author of *Unashamed* "If you are wondering what God's plans are for your love life, or leading those in search of his plan for theirs, you need this book." —Louie Giglio Pastor of Passion City Church, founder of Passion Conferences, and author of *The Comeback* "This is a good book. Study it, ponder it, and, if you know a fifteen-year-old, tell them to read it." —Max Lucado New York Times bestselling author "We need the *Swipe Right* message now more than ever before." —Lysa TerKeurst New York Times bestselling author and president of Proverbs 31 Ministries "This is more than just a book; it's a life jacket!" —Chris Tomlin Grammy Award-winning musician and author of *Good Good Father* "Levi shows that God will light our way, if we allow him to." —Carl Lentz Pastor, Hillsong NYC "Funny and engaging, while simultaneously practical and hard-hitting." —Craig Groeschel Pastor of Life.Church and author of *From This Day Forward*

Based on his bestselling book *Not Even a Hint*, Joshua Harris offers a companion study guide specifically designed to address the issues men face. Versatile in nature, this study guide can be used in one-on-one accountability or in a church group setting. Book jacket.

Life Is Never Mainly About Love and Marriage. So Learn to Live and Date for More. Many of you grew up assuming that marriage would meet all of your needs and unlock God's purposes for you. But God has far more planned for you than your future marriage. *Not Yet Married* is not about waiting quietly in the corner of the world for God to bring you "the one," but about inspiring you to live and date for more now. If you follow Jesus, the search for a spouse is no longer a pursuit of the perfect person, but a pursuit of more of God. He will likely write a love story for you different than the one you would write for yourself, but that's because he loves you and knows how to write a better story. This book was written to help you find real hope, happiness, and purpose in your not-yet-married life.

In the revised edition of his hit book *The Sacred Search*, author Gary Thomas helps single people of all ages make wise marital choices, in large part by rethinking what basis those choices should be made on. Readers are encouraged to think beyond finding their "soul mate," an idea that has its roots in the philosophy of Plato, and instead adopt a more biblical search for a "sole mate"—someone who will walk with them on their spiritual journey. Thomas asks, What if we focused on why to get married more than on who to marry? What if being "in love" isn't a good enough reason to get married? And most of all, what if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy?

The I Kissed Dating Goodbye Study Guide, based on Joshua Harris's phenomenal bestseller, with over 300,000 copies sold, provides youth with a new resource for living a lifestyle of sincere love, true purity, and purposeful singleness. Honest and practical, this powerful study guide helps teens and young adults remap their romantic lives in the light of God's Word. It also includes healthy challenges to today's cultural assumptions about relationships and provides solid, biblical alternatives to society's norms. From the Trade Paperback edition.

Purpose Driven Romance The last thing singles want is more rules. But if you're looking for an intentional, God-pleasing game plan for finding a future spouse, Joshua Harris delivers an appealing one. A compelling new foreword, an all-new "8 Great Courtship Conversations" section, and updated material throughout makes this five-year revision of the original *Boy Meets Girl* a must-have! Harris illustrates how biblical courtship—a healthy, joyous alternative to recreational dating—worked for him and his wife. *Boy Meets Girl* presents an inspiring, practical example for readers wanting to pursue the possibility of marriage with someone they may be serious about. Are you ready for "romance with purpose"? If you're fed up with self-centered relationships that end in disillusionment, it's time to rethink romance. Finding the loving, committed relationship you want shouldn't mean throwing away your hopes, your integrity, or your heart. In *Boy Meets Girl*, Joshua Harris—the guy who kissed dating goodbye—makes the case for courtship. As old-fashioned as it might sound, courtship is what modern day relationships desperately need. Think of it as romance chaperoned by wisdom, cared for by community, and directed by God's Word. Filled with inspiring stories from men and women who have rediscovered courtship, *Boy Meets Girl* is honest, romantic, and refreshingly biblical. Keep God at the center of your relationship as you discover how to:

- Set a clear course for your romance
- Get closer without compromise
- Find support in a caring community
- Deal with past sexual sin
- Make the right decisions about your future

New! Courtship Conversations Eight ideas for great dates that will help grow and guide your relationship. Story Behind the Book "I wrote *I Kissed Dating Goodbye* to challenge singles to drop the worldly approach to serial dating and reconsider the way they pursued romance in light of God's Word. Since then, I've received letters asking questions like, So, what comes between friendship and marriage? and, How can you know when you are ready for marriage? *Boy Meets Girl* answers those questions. Now as a happily married man I can look back on my courtship with Shannon and see from personal experience that God is faithful. If you trust Him enough to wait on romance in dating, He will lovingly guide you as you pursue it in courtship...right to that wonderful moment when you kneel together at the altar." — Joshua Harris

In the strange, us-versus-them Christian subculture of the 1990s, a person's faith was measured by how many WWJD bracelets she wore and whether he had kissed dating goodbye. Evangelical poster child Addie Zierman wore three bracelets asking what Jesus would do. She also led two Bible studies and listened exclusively to Christian music. She was on fire for God and unaware that the flame was dwindling—until it burned out. Addie chronicles her journey through church culture and first love, and her entrance—unprepared and angry—into marriage. When she drops out of church and very nearly her marriage as well, it is on a sea of tequila and depression. She isn't sure if she'll ever go back. *When We Were on Fire* is a funny, heartbreaking story of untangling oneself from what is expected to arrive at faith that is not bound by tradition or current church fashion. Addie looks for what lasts when nothing else seems worth keeping. It's a story for doubters, cynics, and anyone who has felt alone in church.

It stinks, doesn't it. But what can you do to fix it? More than you've ever imagined. You can put an end to the datelessness. Starting today—right now—you can begin a journey that will bring fun and interesting people into your life, broaden your experience of others and yourself, and lead you toward that date of all dates—a date worth keeping. This book is for YOU if

- You want to get more dates or better dates.
- You wonder where "the good ones" are.
- You keep repeating the same old cycle in your dating life and want to change it.
- You wonder why people who aren't as nice as you get all the dates.
- You're attracted to the wrong kind, while the right kind lack the "chemistry."
- You're waiting for God to bring you the right person—and you've been waiting an awfully long time.
- You wonder what it is about you that fails to attract dates.

With over ten years of experience personally coaching singles on dating, Dr. Henry Cloud shares his proven, very doable, step-by-step approach to overcoming your sticking points and getting all the dates you could want. The results speak for themselves. Filled with true-life examples you'll identify with instantly, *How to Get a Date Worth Keeping* will prove its worth to you many times over in the exciting months ahead.

Discusses the sin of lust and faith-based countermeasures, including how to create a personal plan for fighting back.

The #1 New York Times bestselling novel and basis for the Academy Award-winning film—a timeless and universal story about the lines we abide by, and the ones we don't—nominated as one of America's best-loved novels by PBS's *The Great American Read*. Aibileen is a black maid in 1962 Jackson, Mississippi, who's always taken orders quietly, but lately she's unable to hold her bitterness back. Her friend Minny has never held her tongue but now must somehow keep secrets about her employer that leave her speechless. White socialite Skeeter just graduated

college. She's full of ambition, but without a husband, she's considered a failure. Together, these seemingly different women join together to write a tell-all book about work as a black maid in the South, that could forever alter their destinies and the life of a small town...

If marriage shows us the shape of the gospel, singleness shows us its sufficiency. Much of what we commonly assume about singleness—that it is primarily about the absence of good things like intimacy, family, or meaningful ministry—is either flat-out untrue or, at the very least, shouldn't be true. To be single, we often think, is to be alone and spiritually hindered. But the Bible paints a very different picture of singleness: it is a positive gift and blessing from God. This book seeks to help Christians—married and unmarried alike—value singleness as a gift from God so that we can all encourage singles to take hold of the unique opportunities their singleness affords and see their role in the flourishing of the church as a whole.

Dating. Isn't there a better way? Reorder your romantic life in the light of God's word and find more fulfillment than the dating game could ever give - a life of purposeful singleness.

The authors believe God answers women's prayers for husbands-- even husbands they may not meet for years. They invite young women to pray boldly for their future mate, while also asking God to prepare their own hearts.

The music we listen to, the movies we watch—they're all telling us to keep chasing love, and that we'll finally be happy when we find it. But is love really all we need? The love that the world tells us to pursue is all about self, about following your heart's desires. But what is the Christian worldview on love? When we follow Jesus, we realize that he invites us to reorient the focus of our lives, so instead of chasing love primarily for our own happiness, we are first and foremost to give love—to God and to others. In *Chasing Love*, Sean McDowell will invite readers into Jesus' radical, upside-down approach to love, and in doing so, he'll answer some of the toughest questions we're asking about love today: How does Jesus speak to singleness? What does the gospel say about LGBTQ issues? Can sexual sin truly be forgiven? What if I'm not happy in my marriage?

Originating in 1867 under the presidency of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference has proactively shaped the modern world by influencing areas as diverse as the ecumenical movement, post-war international relations, and the spiritual lives of hundreds of millions. A team of distinguished scholars from around the world now detail the historical legacy, theological meaning, and pastoral purpose of the Anglican Communion's decennial councils. The next Lambeth Conference will be crucial for the Anglican Communion, which is currently afflicted by destructive tensions over matters long central to Christian identity, such as the nature of holy orders, the definition of sexual morality, and the scope of ecclesial authority. Whether in supplication or celebration, both nurtured by diverse cultural contexts and furthered by the scope of ecumenical horizons, these essays break new ground. The Lambeth Conference is a faithful testament to generations past, and a spur to the ongoing restoration of Anglican theology and devotion in the present.

Pope John Paul II's discussion of family life and sexual morality, first published in 1960, which defends Catholic tradition and draws upon physiological and psychological research regarding the sexual urge, love, chastity, and sexology and ethics.

What will you build your life on? With startling transparency, Joshua Harris shares how we can rediscover the relevance and power of Christian truth. This book shows a young man who rose quickly to success in the Christian evangelical world before he realized his spirituality lacked a foundation—it rested more on tradition and morality than on an informed knowledge of God. For the indifferent or spiritually numb, Harris's humorous and engaging reflections on Christian beliefs show that orthodoxy isn't just for scholars—it is for anyone who longs to know the living Jesus Christ. As Harris writes, "I've come to learn that theology matters. It matters not because we want to impress people, but because what we know about God shapes the way we think and live. Theology matters because if we get it wrong then our whole life will be wrong." Whether you are just exploring Christianity or you are a veteran believer finding yourself overly familiar and cold-hearted, *Dug Down Deep* will help you rediscover the timeless truths of Scripture. As Harris challenges you to root your faith and feelings about God in the person, work, and words of Jesus, he answers questions such as: • What is God like and how does he speak to me? • What difference does it make that Jesus was both human and divine? • How does Jesus's death on the cross pay for my sins? • Who is the Holy Spirit and how does he work in my life? With grace and wisdom, Harris will inspire you to revel in the truth that has captured his own mind and heart. He will ask you to dig deep into a faith so solid you can build your life on it. He will point you to something to believe in again.

How do you get from "How do you do?" to "I do"? *Boy Meets Girl* unveils God as the Author of romance and reveals His instructions for godly courtship.

Have you found yourself in a place of waiting? Are you wondering what you are waiting for? Well that's where I found myself just a few years ago. God showed me not only what I was waiting for, but Who I was waiting for too. This book is for all of you who are confused, frustrated, broken and tired. I'd like to give you some hope. And show you a new way of thinking. What started as a fun guide for a friend became so much more. It's a story of God from another perspective. It's how God showed Himself to me, in a way I could understand. And now I'm on a mission to help others understand God in their own language. Some people are book learners, others need visuals. God understood me and knew what I needed to understand Him, and I'm going to tell you how He did that. After a promise made to God, He handed me a spiritual compass and all He said was to go where it leads. Inside you'll find where it has taken me so far. Don't let a broken relationship, bad family experience, horrible work environment, or anything else you can think of keep you from getting to know God better. Let God use your life to teach you about His love. Don't believe it's possible? Well, inside this book I'll prove that wrong. So go ahead, try to prove otherwise, I DARE you. ;)

In *True Love Dates*, Debra Fileta encourages singles not to "kiss dating goodbye" but instead to experience a season of dating as a way to find real love. Through reading powerful, real-life stories (including the author's personal journey) and gaining insights from Fileta's experience as a professional counselor, readers will discover that it is possible to find true love through dating. Christians are looking for answers to finding true love. They are disillusioned with the church that has provided little practical application in the area of love and relationships. They've been bombarded by Christian books that shun dating, idolize courting, fixate on spirituality, and in the end offer little real relationship help. *True Love Dates* provides honest help for dating by guiding readers into vital relationship essentials for finding true love. Debra is a young, professional Christian counselor, and *True Love Dates* offer sound advice grounded in Christian spirituality. It delivers insight, direction, and counsel when it comes to entering the world of dating and learning to do it right the first time around. Drawing on the stories and struggles of hundreds of young men and women who have pursued finding true love, Fileta helps readers bypass unnecessary pain while focusing on the things that really matter in the world of dating.

Greece in the age of Heroes. Patroclus, an awkward young prince, has been exiled to the kingdom of Phthia. Here he is nobody, just another unwanted boy living in the shadow of King Peleus and his golden son, Achilles. Achilles, 'best of all the Greeks', is everything Patroclus is not - strong, beautiful, the child of a goddess - and by all rights their paths should never cross. Yet one day, Achilles takes the shamed prince under his wing and soon their tentative companionship gives way to a steadfast friendship. As they grow into young men skilled in the arts of war and

medicine, their bond blossoms into something far deeper - despite the displeasure of Achilles's mother Thetis, a cruel and deathly pale sea goddess with a hatred of mortals. Fate is never far from the heels of Achilles. When word comes that Helen of Sparta has been kidnapped, the men of Greece are called upon to lay siege to Troy in her name. Seduced by the promise of a glorious destiny, Achilles joins their cause, Torn between love and fear for his friend, Patroclus follows Achilles into war, little knowing that the years that follow will test everything they have learned, everything they hold dear. And that, before he is ready, he will be forced to surrender his friend to the hands of Fate. Profoundly moving and breathtakingly original, this rendering of the epic Trojan War is a dazzling feat of the imagination, a devastating love story, and an almighty battle between gods and kings, peace and glory, immortal fame and the human heart. #1 bestselling author Stephenie Meyer makes a triumphant return to the world of Twilight with this highly anticipated companion: the iconic love story of Bella and Edward told from the vampire's point of view. When Edward Cullen and Bella Swan met in Twilight, an iconic love story was born. But until now, fans have heard only Bella's side of the story. At last, readers can experience Edward's version in the long-awaited companion novel, Midnight Sun. This unforgettable tale as told through Edward's eyes takes on a new and decidedly dark twist. Meeting Bella is both the most unnerving and intriguing event he has experienced in all his years as a vampire. As we learn more fascinating details about Edward's past and the complexity of his inner thoughts, we understand why this is the defining struggle of his life. How can he justify following his heart if it means leading Bella into danger? In Midnight Sun, Stephenie Meyer transports us back to a world that has captivated millions of readers and brings us an epic novel about the profound pleasures and devastating consequences of immortal love. An instant #1 New York Times BestsellerAn instant #1 USA Today BestsellerAn instant #1 Wall Street Journal BestsellerAn instant #1 IndieBound BestsellerApple Audiobook August Must-Listens Pick "People do not want to just read Meyer's books; they want to climb inside them and live there." -- Time "A literary phenomenon." -- New York Times

Celebrate Purity Overcoming lust is a process that requires diligent focus and accountability from others, and these in-depth guides help establish both. They're designed for a variety of settings, from one-on-one accountability partnerships to Sunday school classes. Sex Is Not the Problem (Lust Is) made the statement that lust is a human problem (not just a guy problem) and that Jesus can free anyone from its power. Going further, these gender-specific study guides feature questions and discussion starters that directly address the temptations unique to men and women. These resources are a must-have for anyone challenged to defeat lust and celebrate purity in their lives. Lust Is Not Just a Guy Problem Based on the bestselling message in Sex Is Not the Problem (Lust Is), Joshua and Shannon Harris offer a companion study guide specifically designed to address the issues women face. For use in a personal or group setting, this in-depth guide is a tool to help you apply the book's principles as you go further on your journey to holiness. "Sex Is Not the Problem (Lust Is) offers help and hope—not just for those who are dealing with sexual lust, but for anyone besieged by temptation of any kind." —Nancy Leigh DeMoss Author, host of the Revive Our Hearts radio program Includes a Modesty Heart-Check for Girls Each of the ten small-group sessions includes:

- Easy Review: A quick chapter summary makes review simple.
- Discussion Questions: Questions that serve as icebreakers, and then lead to deeper discussion and personal application.
- Accountability Follow-Up: Questions to help check each other's progress in a truthful and caring setting.
- Meditate and Memorize: Key Scriptures that will help women gain victory over lust.
- Custom-Tailored Action Plan: Women will be led in a step-by-step formulation of an Action Plan, uniquely tailored to combat their specific battles.

Story Behind the Book "I was preparing a message on lust when I realized that the book I wanted to consult hadn't been written. That book would make it clear that only Jesus Christ can free us from the hopeless treadmill of shame and guilt that so many well-intentioned people end up on. It would instill a love for holiness and a hatred for sin without dragging the reader's imagination through the gutter. And it would be for both men and women, because I've learned that lust isn't just a guy problem—it's a human problem." —Joshua Harris

The Great Gatsby (1925) is a novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Published at the height of Fitzgerald's career as a leading writer of American fiction, The Great Gatsby was reviewed poorly by contemporary critics, but has since been recognized as a groundbreaking work for its vision of American decadence and decay. Adapted into several influential films and adored by generations of readers and writers, The Great Gatsby is not only Fitzgerald's crowning achievement, but one of the finest novels ever written. Nick Carraway is a young veteran and Yale graduate who moves to New York in search of work. He rents a bungalow on Long Island next door to the extravagant mansion of Jay Gatsby, a magnanimous millionaire with a mysterious past. There, he reconnects with his distant cousin Daisy and her husband Tom Buchanan, a flagrant philanderer who brings Nick to the city in order to spend time with Myrtle, his impoverished mistress. Soon, he receives an invitation to a party at the Gatsby mansion, where he gets terribly drunk and meets his neighbor, who swears they served together in the Great War. As time goes by, the two begin a tenuous friendship bolstered by stories of the war and a mutual fondness for alcohol. When Nick discovers that Gatsby and Daisy have a complicated history with one another, he starts to question not only the nature of his neighbor's kindness, but his own desire to make it big in New York. The Great Gatsby is a tragic tale of ambition and romance set in the Roaring Twenties, a decade born from war and lost to economic disaster. With a beautifully designed cover and professionally typeset manuscript, this new edition of F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby is a classic work of American literature reimagined for modern readers.

The Next Great Awakening Begins With Your Family! If you are waiting for the great move of God that will powerfully transform your church, city, and nation... look no further than your family. Many think that the secret to changing the world is a revived church. This sounds like a huge task for people—like you—who desire personal spiritual awakening now. You don't have to wait for revival—it can start with you and your family! Prayer leaders Antonio and Christelle Baldovinos share powerful secrets from their own family life that can help bring your entire household into a place of passionate encounter with Jesus. You will discover: Keys to enjoying powerful family worship where everyone can experience the presence of God How to take your children's spirituality beyond Sunday school stories and teach them to operate in the supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit Divine strategies that can protect your marriage from being destroyed The secret to passing on the passion and fire of revival to future generations Start a movement that impacts a thousand generations and set your family ablaze with the passion and power of God today! Lust isn't just a guy problem – it's a human problem. And unless we honestly confront it, lust will destroy our relationships and our lives. Joshua Harris, author of the runaway bestseller I Kissed Dating Goodbye, calls a generation bombarded with images of sexual sin back to the freedom and joy of holiness. This "PG-rated" book – straightforward without being graphic – speaks to those entrenched in lust or just flirting with temptation. Honestly sharing his own struggles, Harris exposes lust's tactics and helps readers create a personal plan for fighting back. Men and women will find hope in God's grace and learn the secrets to lasting change. Neither sex nor sexuality is our enemy. We need to rescue our sexuality from lust so we can experience

it as God intended. Bestselling author Joshua Harris shows you how lust deceives you. Specific and honest without being graphic, this book—for both men and women—will guide you in creating a custom plan for fighting lust and celebrating purity. Praise for *Sex Is Not the Problem (Lust Is)* “For your joy and Christ’s honor, I commend this book to you. It is realistic, practical, and hope-giving.” -John Piper, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Minneapolis “A beautiful blend of grace and truth. Joshua Harris raises high standards of holiness while carefully avoiding legalism. I highly recommend it.” -Randy Alcorn, bestselling author of *The Treasure Principle* and *The Purity Principle* “I am very encouraged that my longtime friend Josh Harris has written a book about lust. May God use this book to keep many from allowing their minds to become ‘the devil’s playground.’” -Rebecca St. James, singer/songwriter *Story Behind the Book* “I was preparing a message on lust when I realized that the book I wanted to consult hadn’t been written. That book would make it clear that only Jesus Christ can free us from the hopeless treadmill of shame and guilt that so many well-intentioned people end up on. It would instill a love for holiness and a hatred for sin without dragging the reader’s imagination through the gutter. And it would be for both men and women, because I’ve learned that lust isn’t just a guy problem—it’s a human problem.” –Joshua Harris

Dating Done Right is a comprehensive guide to singleness and dating for men and women of any age or life stage. Crystal Renaud Day was inspired to write *Dating Done Right* shortly after she met her husband in 2017. However, *Dating Done Right* is the book she had always searched for as a single Christian living in the aftermath of the purity culture she grew up in. *Dating Done Right* encourages singles to be content right where they are. This is accomplished by getting to know who they are first and discover what they want before ever entering into a new relationship. *Dating Done Right* is also designed to encourage dating couples to get vulnerable with each other—not to casually date or be pressured to marry fast. Instead, dating couples are encouraged to pursue relationships on purpose with marriage in mind. In *Dating Done Right*, Crystal shares her own personal journey of perpetual singleness, her heartache along the way, and the joy she found both in her singleness and after meeting her husband. Comprised of relatable stories and over 500 reflection questions, individuals will learn to navigate singleness and dating with wisdom. Introduction: Dating Advice from a Non-Dater Section One: SINGLE Chapter 1: Finding Purpose in the Season Chapter 2: Getting Comfortable with Being Single Chapter 3: Do You Know Who You Are? Chapter 4: Family Matters Chapter 5: You Are Allowed to Have a Past (Your Spouse Will Have One Too) Section Two: DATING Chapter 6: Kiss Dating Hello Chapter 7: Finding Someone Worth Falling For Chapter 8: The First Date Chapter 9: Common Dating Pitfalls to Watch Out For Chapter 10: Digging Deeper as a Couple Section Three: ENGAGED Chapter 11: The Natural Next Step Chapter 12: Bibbity Bobbity Boo Chapter 13: Marriage is a Choice Conclusion: Just a Few Final Words

A call to young people to remain sexually pure until marriage. Everyone longs to be loved deeply by someone, and Rebecca St. James is no different, as demonstrated by her hit song "Wait for Me." In this revised and updated version of the 2002 release, Rebecca shares the same desires as other young people as her resolve to remain sexually pure until marriage is not common in our society. Using Scripture, pop culture, and her own experience as a point of reference, Rebecca paints a relevant and appealing picture of the value of waiting. But Rebecca also reaches out with compassion to those who have already made mistakes and reveals the mercy and healing that God brings. The new edition of this bestseller includes: a fresh design (inside and out) with eye-catching graphics; a new introduction from Rebecca; journaling sections throughout the book; and a study guide for personal or group use.

BIBLICAL GUIDANCE AND ADVICE ON CHRISTIAN DATING. This is one of the few books on Christian dating that offers a BIBLICAL action plan for Christian singles. It cuts past all of the common myths and misconceptions out there that are being fed to Christian singles, and it goes straight into the Bible. How did people in the BIBLE find a husband or wife? What advice on Christian dating does the BIBLE give? What principles does the BIBLE give to help single Christians in their search? **QUESTIONS FOR CHRISTIAN SINGLES** 1) Are you WAITING for God to send someone that He created just for you into your life in His perfect timing? 2) Are you WAITING to find someone "compatible" with you? 3) Are you WAITING to "hear from God" before you marry? 4) Are you WAITING to find contentment in your singleness or "savor your singleness" before you get married? Chances are that you would have answered yes to at least one of those questions. All of these are myths. ALL OF THEM! That is precisely why we titled our book "I kissed waiting goodbye." We are told to wait on God, but waiting is not passive. This book teaches you how to trust God and be proactive at the same time. Active faith. **WHY DID I GET MARRIED?** Even if you are already married and you sometimes ask yourself "Why did I get married?" or "Why did I get married to this person?", then this book will help you as well. It shows you that, according to the Bible, marital bliss has ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to do with compatibility. You are not doomed to unhappiness because you think you married the wrong person. The Bible teaches that the key to happiness in marriage is having a godly attitude, and applying Biblical principles to your relationship. This book gives you many Biblical principles you can use to help you. **ABOUT THE AUTHORS** Denver and Indira waited a long time to find each other. They were both over 35 when they met. After search for over a decade, when they finally met, they got married within 7 months of their first date. 8 years later, they still consider theirs to be the happiest marriage in the world. Through their experiences and study of scripture, they have learned the real reason some Christians remain single longer than they need to be. It is because of myths they have been taught. These wrong teachings cause them to look for the wrong thing in the wrong way. They end up making their marriage decision more complicated than God intended it to be. This book throws out all the bathwater and it shows you how simple God's plan is. It gives single Christians a clear Biblical action plan to guide them in their search.

REVIEWS I have read all the Christian single women books out there. These books teach you everything other than how to actually find a husband. 'I kissed waiting goodbye' blows away all the myths and wrong teachings being fed to Christian singles, and it outlines the liberating truths of God's Word. It offers practical guidance while at the same time being deeply rooted in scripture. ... reviewer via Facebook. This book is so rich in Biblical truth, we are using it for Christian single Bible studies in our singles group. ... reviewer via Facebook. This is the true Biblical teaching on Christian dating for men and women. The authors talk about their own journey and how they met, but the book is not based on their experiences. It is based on scripture. I have purchased it as a gift for my two kids. ... reviewer via Facebook.

In her classic book, Elisabeth Elliot candidly shares her love story with Jim Elliot through letters, diary entries, and memories. She is honest about the temptations, difficulties, victories, and sacrifices of two young people whose commitment to Christ took priority over their love for each other. These revealing personal glimpses, combined with relevant biblical teaching, will remind readers that only by putting their human passion and desire through His fire can God purify their love. In a culture obsessed with dating, sex, and intimacy, the need for Elliot's freeing message is greater than ever. This beautifully repackaged edition will appeal to today's young people.

Joshua Harris's first book, written when he was only 21, turned the Christian singles scene upside down...and people are still talking. More than 800,000 copies later, *I Kissed Dating Goodbye*, with its inspiring call to sincere love, real purity, and purposeful singleness, remains the benchmark for books on Christian dating. Now, for the first time since its release, the national #1 bestseller has been expanded with new content and updated for new readers. Honest and practical, it challenges cultural assumptions about relationships and provides solid, biblical alternatives to society's norm. Clear, stylish typeset, with user-friendly links to referenced Scripture.

There are now more single adults than married adults in the United States, yet the evangelical church continues to focus primarily on serving couples and families with ministries geared toward their particular needs. This can lead, however unintentionally, to the marginalization of adults who are single by choice, divorce, or death, or who are simply not yet married. Families are a good thing, but so are all of God's people, and singles long to be lovingly integrated into the Body of Christ. In *One by One*, Gina Dalton explores common misconceptions and stereotypes about singles, including the idea that they must be single because something is wrong with them, and the subtle (and not-so-subtle) ways they are devalued, like when sermons focus overmuch on navigating marital relationships or raising children. She shows how the church of Paul, who commended those who remained single, became the church where singles are too often treated like second class Christians. Then she explores what the church is doing right, what unique services singles can offer the church, and, most importantly, what the church can do to love and support the singles in their midst.

All the immense value of the book is available in this participant's guide for groups of any size. It will encourage spiritual and emotional growth and character development that enables dating--within God's boundaries--to be fun, spiritually fulfilling, and growth producing.

"Christians belong in churches--the only places where we can thrive and grow spiritually. In *Why Church Matters*, Joshua Harris makes this case with wisdom, clarity, and graciousness."

--Charles W. Colson Church isn't where we go. It's who we are. We were never meant to live our faith in isolation. The church is the place God uses to grow us, encourage us, and use our gifts for His glory. In this honest, personal, and practical book, Joshua Harris shows you why it's time to say yes to church and how to find the right one for you--the place where you can fall in love with the family of God. Includes: What you miss when you miss church Ten questions to ask before you join How to get more out of the best day of the week What Readers are Saying:

"This book shows the place of great honor that church holds in Christ's heart and encourages us to value what He values. I've bought multiple copies to give away." --Mike Neglia; Cork, Ireland "Josh Harris does an excellent job of addressing our impulse to church hop." --Garrett Watkins; Atlanta, Georgia "When our family was in the midst of a transition, *Why Church Matters* helped us find the right local church. It will do the same for you." --Andrew Hall; Ilderton, Ontario Previously published as *Stop Dating the Church*

The control freak. The angry man. The lazy guy. The unteachable guy. The promiscuous man. The unbeliever. The lone ranger. The unchurched guy. The new convert. The commitment-phobe. For any woman who has struggled with failed relationships, this may seem like a familiar list. These are the men your friends and family have in mind when they think, "she's with the wrong guy." And while the reasons women choose these types of men are complicated and varied, ultimately, they will all let you down. In *She's Got the Wrong Guy*, Deepak Reju offers a different kind of dating book, discussing the types of guys women should not marry and offering biblical reasons why they aren't suitable spouses. Writing from his years of experience as a pastor and counselor, Reju shares with women his perspective on how to assess a relationship's strengths from the beginning, how to identify possible pitfalls, and how to have the courage to wait for a relationship that will be a blessing for both of you. Using stories that single women can relate to and highlighting contemporary issues in the modern world of dating, Reju gives readers clear, biblical direction on how to have positive, life-giving relationships with members of the opposite sex. With a strong, Christ-centered focus, women will better understand why they "settle" for less than what God intends for their romantic relationships and learn to put their hopes and find their happiness in Jesus, not marriage.

The generation born into evangelical purity culture has grown up, but many still struggle with its complicated legacy. Examining purity culture's teachings through the lens of Scripture, Rachel Joy Welcher charts a path forward in the ongoing debates about sexuality—one that rejects legalism and license alike, steering us back instead to the good news of Jesus.

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