

HOW TO MARRY A LOSER

Pretext/Synopsis

Trey Bradley - Dear teenager. It makes no sense that you would pray for a future Godly spouse, yet settle for dating losers. When young people make poor decisions about dating and relationships, it sets them up for failed marriages.

Key Scriptures

John 4	NLT	Woman at the well.
Matt 10:6-8	NLT	Jesus speaks on divorce.
Prov 2	NLT	The immoral woman.
Prov 5:15-18	NLT	Purity in relationships.

Sermon Topics

Date	Preacher	Title/Topic	Thoughts/Main Points
3 Feb	Joel (R) Carmen (JS) Lavette (PG)	Attract A Loser (Identity)	Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Frame the series. - Teach the young people about their identity. - Let God affirm who they are and complete them.
10 Feb	Joel (VL)	Fall For A Loser (Standards)	Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teach the young people about the importance of having standards and how they protect you. - Have the young people commit to living by Biblical standards.
24 Feb	Ian/Charis (R) James (JS) Joel/Carmen (PG)	Date A Loser (Purity)	Objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teach the young people about purity. - Teach the young people how to maximise the time when they're single. Thoughts: Answer questions relating to boundaries in a relationship and purity. Purity is a heart issue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Tim FLEE youthful lust - Not about what I can't do in order to be pure - Not just about what you do with your body - Question is not how far I can toe the line, it's how far

			<p>I can run from the line</p> <p>Boundaries in relationships help to protect purity.</p> <p>Lust is to value someone not for who they are, but for what they can give you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sexual sin and pornography devalue what is most valuable to God - people.
3 Mar	Charis (R) Carmen (JS) Lavette (PG)	Marry A Loser (Being Led By The Spirit)	<p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Give the young people a picture of Godly marriage. - Teach the young people how they need to be led by the spirit in relationships. <p>Thoughts:</p> <p>Answer questions about marriage, being equally yoked, and long-term consequences.</p> <p>Submitting your decisions to God</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God knows you better than you do - He knows what you need vs want <p>When you marry someone, you marry their destiny and their future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Being yoked means you're in it together - Their destiny and future could negate your destiny and future.

Other Discussion Notes

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1. Attract a Loser

* You attract who you are

* Become who you want to attract

2. Fall for a Loser

* Standards

* Compromises

3. Date a Loser

* Season of single hood/season of courtship

* Timing

* Purity, pre marital sex,

4. Marry a Loser

- * Consequences
- * Short change destiny
- * What it means to be yoked

If a relationship cannot produce life, it cannot give life.

- Relationships are meant to GIVE life.

Ps 139:14 - I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

- I am a child of God. I am called for greatness. I can change the world.
- I am fearfully and wonderfully made. I am worth it. Don't touch me.

Read the Bible

- We read who we are.
- Bible tells you who you are. Not people.

Ps 119:9-11

Why would you settle for trash when you're worth so much more.

- Why would you settle for losers when you're called to be MORE THAN A CONQUEROR.

Chase after God, don't worry about people noticing you.

If you make him work to get you, it'll make him work to keep you.

If he won't work for you, he's not worth you.

God is love. 1 John 4:10 New Living Translation (NLT)

This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins

Prov 19:20 - Get all the advice that you can.

Boundaries protect you, not limit you.

- Boundaries protect you FROM things
- Boundaries also protect you FOR something

Someone who's a great boyfriend may not make a great husband or a father.

God knows what you'll love/want/need 10 years from now. You only know what you want/love/need NOW.

Breakups are a rehearsal for divorce.

High prices keep cheapos away.

- That's how some shops get the kind of customers they want.
- The barriers to entry are high.
- You have standards because you're worth it.
- Anything that is worthwhile has a high price.

Social Media paints an unrealistic picture of relationships

- Makes it so much harder in this generation
- Makes you feel like you need to live up to everyone else's expectations

Porn

- Devalues what's most valuable to God: PEOPLE

Purity

- Is not a body issue, it's a heart issue

Questions

- Must I be a leader to date?
- Can I set boundaries that are too strict?
- How do I get over a heartbreak?
 - Jesus, Church, Friends, Food
 - When your heart is broken you're vulnerable and susceptible
 - They don't complete you in the first place
- How far is too far?
 - Instead of asking how far can I go, you should be asking how far can I run.

1 Cor 6:20 - **20** for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

2 Cor 6:14

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?