

Q & A

with Pastor Stephen

Question

Is being sexual with someone before marriage a sin?



Answer

Engaging in sexual relations before marriage is considered a sin, as it goes against the biblical teaching of reserving sexual intimacy for married couples. Sex is reserved for a woman and a man who are married.

1 Corinthians 7:2



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Question

Was Jesus ever intimate with someone?



Answer



Jesus, being unmarried and sinless, was never intimate with anyone. His purpose was to fulfill a divine mission rather than engage in romantic relationships.



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Question

How do you get a
boyfriend/girlfriend?



Answer



Emphasize building a foundation of friendship, participating in group hangouts, and sharing your values and beliefs. Make sure you both love Jesus!



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Question

I feel damaged from my last relationship. How do I untie my soul from them?



Answer

Healing from a past relationship involves seeking Jesus through prayer, reading the Bible, focusing on personal growth, and finding support within a Christian community such as a small group.



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Question

Someone told me they liked me. I rejected them, but my feelings have changed... What do I do?



Answer

If your feelings have changed after initially rejecting someone, it may be worth approaching the person with honesty and openness and expressing your changed feelings. Make sure you are not settling for them just because they like you.





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Right person, wrong time?
What's your opinion or tips?



Answer

No person is ever perfect and timing rarely aligns the way we want. Dating someone is not the most important thing in your life. If the relationship doesn't feel right regardless of the person or the timing, it's not for you. Wait until everything feels right and honors God.



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Question

What is the best way to get over a break-up, when you feel like God has let you down?



Answer

Seeking Jesus in prayer, and trusting in God's love and plan for your life. Studying scripture and being a part of a Christian community. Trying something new and fun can help too! Consider a new sport or hobby.



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How do you know when someone is the one?



Answer

The One doesn't exist. Any two people who love Jesus and get to know one another can create a successful relationship. Find someone who loves Jesus, get to know them and their family, take a while to observe their character, then ask yourself... does my love for this person grow as I get to know them or am I seeing more ?

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How do you know if the dating life is for you or not?



Answer

Dating is optional. If you are not ready, that's okay! If you feel like dating someone is something you want to do, talk with your parents or a trusted Christian adult. You can have fun with friends and spend time with people you like without being their boyfriend or girlfriend.



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Can you be in a relationship/marry someone who isn't a Christian?



Answer

Would not recommend it. When you are in a relationship with someone who has different values than you, you will always be in conflict about how you spend your time, money, etc. The Bible talks about being unequally yoked with unbelievers in 2 Corinthians 6. The passage isn't just talking about romantic relationships, but means to say be careful being in deep relationships with people that believe differently than you. Imagine two horses, oxen, or mules plowing land and being connected together on their necks (yoked). How effective would they be if one of them was big and strong while the other was small and weak? It would be frustrating for both of them.



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How do I turn someone down easily? What should I say?



Answer

If they are asking you out on a date, be clear and polite. Say something like this: “I know it takes courage to ask someone out. It is kind that you would like to spend time with me. I am not interested in being in a romantic relationship with you.”





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How do I break up with someone?



Answer



Say something like this: “I want to talk with you about something important. Since we last spent time together, I have decided that it is best if we remain friends only. I value you as a person and think you deserve for me to be honest with you. I hope you can understand.” Remember the other person has feelings and is also God’s creation. Be clear, polite, and brief.

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Is it God's will if the person in your life that you like keeps showing up in your life and isn't going away?



Answer

No. It's mere coincidence. You will likely go to the same school, church, have the same friends, etc. It's not uncommon to see the same people repeatedly. You are only noticing this specific person because you think they're cute.



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How would you define love & know you're in love with someone?



Answer

Love is often defined as selfless, sacrificial, and unconditional. Recognizing you're in love may involve a deep emotional and spiritual connection, as well as a commitment to the well-being of the other person. See 1 Corinthians 13. Replace the word "Love" with the person's name for example... "John is patient, John is kind, etc." Is the passage still true with the person's name inserted?



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Why do we have to have boundaries?



Answer

Establishing boundaries in relationships is important to maintain purity, honor God, and protect the emotional and physical well-being of individuals involved. Boundaries aren't there to ruin the fun, but instead to keep everyone safe. Imagine playing a soccer game if there weren't any sidelines or boundaries. The game would be chaos! Imagine driving on a winding highway on the side of a cliff. Someone could say... why are there guardrails.. I want to drive off road! The guardrails or boundaries are there to protect you.





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Is getting back with an ex ever a good idea?



Answer

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Getting back with an ex is rarely a good idea unless there has been significant personal growth. You broke up for a reason. Ask yourself this: What has changed in you and what has changed in the other person that would suggest the relationship would be better the second time? Have you and the other person grown in your relationship with Jesus?

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How do you let go of someone you've liked for a while but feel like you need to move on?



Answer

It takes time. Lots of time. The more time you spend with Jesus and other friends, the less time you will think of that person. Try to add something new to your life to help you move on. Consider trying a new sport or hobby.

