

The Dating Dilemma: A Romance Revolution

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Summary

'I would love to read a book about dating - one that gave practical advice but was using the Bible's voice to guide me. I just made it up as I went along when I dated'.

In some ways, this casual off-the-cuff remark, said by my friend over a drink, was the beginning of this journey. This comment stuck with me and I really felt like God was saying that he wanted me to respond to the request. So, I decided to write my theological dissertation on the subject of dating over the next year. I think my friend would have preferred a quicker response! However, I think they understood that the topic of dating would take some time to explore properly. Later on in the journey, Rachel and I thought it'd be a good idea to turn that academic research into a book packed with more practical advice for Christians who wanted to date well. And a few years later, that idea became a reality.

We wanted to write a book that would truly help my friend. One that would help people wrestle with the heartache of being dumped, the damage done by unfaithfulness, and the confusion of knowing if 'we're well suited or not' in a way that made room for God in all the excitement, confusion and disappointment. We wanted to write a book that would help people apply biblical truths to their circumstances. We wanted a book that was based on more than opinion and experience; whilst God can and does work through these things, His Word is holy, full of grace and wisdom and always trustworthy. Our aim was to shake up the way we date and help Christians who love God and are genuinely trying to put him first. We wanted to help those dealing with failed relationships and romantic rejection, and offer useful advice for the day-to-day stuff that was helpful. The book doesn't give 'easy' or 'fool proof' steps for finding that special someone, but our prayer is that it will respond to my friend's request, and allow Christians to date in a more fulfilling, enjoyable and God-centred way.

Boy and girl meet.
Boy and girl fall in love.
Boys *just knows* girl is 'the one'.
Girl *just knows* boy is 'the one'.
So boy buys ring.
And girl says 'yes'.
They live happily ever after and never argue.
Just how God planned it.

Really?

"This book does an amazing job of unpacking some of the unhelpful myths that have taken root in the church, and gives a godly context and perspective for dating and relationships. It is packed with down-to-earth, practical and biblical teaching, providing both encouragement and challenge for its readers. If you're serious about following God in every area of your life and want to date and relate in a godly way, I urge you to buy and devour this book." - Mike Pilavachi, Soul Survivor

"Rachel and André are the kind of people you would want to have a coffee with and talk about relationships. They are funny, unashamedly honest, deep and profoundly practical. If you are ready for a romance revolution where you live love, as well as have a love life, get this book - or take André and Rachel out for coffee." - Ian Henderson, The Message Trust and founder of nakedtruthproject.com

Further resources:

For the book promotional video see

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWUwJ7t7Yuk>

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