



## Series: Sex & Dating (wk. 2)

“Bridging the Gap: Dating w/ Marriage in Mind”

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### 1. Bridging the *Great Divide*

Illus. – Grand Canyon (Richard D. Sharon & Phillips, p. 11)

#### Single

1. Parent-Child
2. Brother- Sister (1 Tim. 5:1-2)

#### Married

3. Husband-Wife (Gen. 1 & 2; Eph. 5)

### 2. Bridging the *Gap* (Then): Isaac & Rebekah (Gen. 24)

#### God’s Non-negotiables

- Christian Character – Gen. 24:3-4; (Cf. Deut. 7:3-4)
- God’s Mission (Dominion) – water camels
- Covenant Commitment – “father’s house”
- Completion – vv. 67 “comforted”
- AND... **Individual Desires:** v. 57

### 3. Bridging the Gap (Now):

Why It’s **Hard** (Prov. 30:18-29):

- The Heart is **sick**. (Jer. 17:9; Gen. 6:5)
- The Heart is **powerful** (Prov. 4:23)

Good Prayer: Ps. 139:1-2

### 4. *Purpose* of Dating

Illus. – Glue & Paper

Destructive Dating (Rom. 14:15) VS. Constructive Dating (Rom. 14:19)

### 5. HELP: *Parents* & God’s *People* (Richard D. Sharon & Phillips, p. 69)

- Illus. – Seat Belts
- **Parents** – Prov. 1:8-9; Ex. 20:12 = Deut. 5:6; Eph. 6:1-4.
- **God’s People** – Titus 2:3-8 (see also Prov. 11:14; Prov. 15:22; Prov. 24:6)