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QUESTION #1: *Am I My Dream Date's Dream Date?*

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Are we really going to talk about dating for two months? Yeah sorta. But not *just* dating.

We'll also get into relationships like friendship, bf/gf, cohabitation, and marriage. The real question on my mind is: Everyone (single & married) seems to be looking for romance, so what makes relationships romantic?

I hope you'll sign up to receive my daily devotionals - 40 Days of Doubt: A Single Skeptic's Devotional - as they will serve as a companion to this sermon series! You must register in order to receive them! Visit bit.ly/tsh40days to sign up. Go ahead. Do it now, during the worship service. No one will judge you for pulling out your phone in church. (Someone will definitely judge you).

Here are my working hypotheses for this series:

1. most single people are looking for a committed relationship
2. most committed relationships are moving toward marriage
3. most married people are looking for ways to grow deeper in love.

Dating Fact:

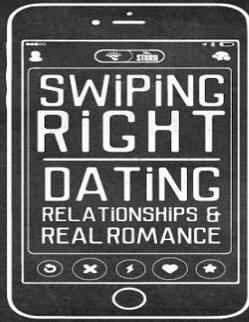
Most people _____ on the dating scene.

Why do you think that is the case?

What specific challenges are people facing while dating?

One of the most common recipes for heartache is _____
you desire without _____ your type desires.

What's wrong with "just having fun until the right one comes along"?



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Following Jesus is about becoming more like Jesus: more selfless, more generous, more sacrificial, more patient, more forgiving, and more loving. Following Jesus with _____ will make you _____.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.*

Obviously Paul is talking about Christian discipleship and evangelism here, but if you take these teachings and apply them to dating and romance, what do you think it means to “run in such a way as to get the prize”? What would it mean to endure “strict training...to get a crown that will last forever”?

Over the course of this series, we'll be rolling out Ten Ground Rules for Great Romance. Here are the first two:

1. SINGLE \neq INCOMPLETE

2. CHARACTER > CHEMISTRY

What do you think about these two ground rules?

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