

# 385 03/12/07 **Trusting God to find the right guy**

I have been writing about the crisis facing our girls. This week, I will write about how to deal with the second symptom of the crisis: the willingness to have any boy as a boyfriend rather than risk being without a boyfriend.

Recently, a teen girl said to me about her break up with her guy, “There were a lot of things I didn’t like about him. Our values were different, and he didn’t treat me very well. I really won’t miss him, but how can I face walking down the halls with the whole school knowing I’m without a boyfriend?” I have heard similar concern from many girls.

I jokingly ask them how they will ever be able to get together with Mr. Right if they are holding onto the arm of Mr. Wrong.

Preparation for meeting the life mate God has planned for your daughter needs to begin early. As always, we can find the answer in God’s Word. “‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” Jeremiah 29:11. This is the foundational Scripture to teach our girls that they can trust God to lead them to the right guy.

Say something like this to your preschool daughter: “God has plans for you that include what you will do in life, whether or not you will marry and have children, who your husband will be if you marry and many other things about your life. You just need to try to do what God wants you to do and wait for him to show you his plans.”

Continue that approach until she is a pre-adolescent. Then it is a good time to talk with her about the kind of boys God would like for her to date. Rather than critique the boys she meets, ask her to evaluate them by the standards that she knows God has for her future husband.

Finally, in those periods when there is no boyfriend in her life, remind her that God might be giving her time to grow, to get to know him better and just to have fun with her girlfriends. And, perhaps, to keep her eyes open for what else God has planned for her.