

THE NAKED TRUTH

ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS

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Introduction

- Romantic feelings and “crushes” are a part of all of our lives, and lots of these feelings start in middle school.
- Having a crush is a natural feeling.
- Having a crush isn’t a sin... But it can turn into one when we begin to idolize the other person or the relationship we’re in.

Scripture

- Exodus 20:3-5. “You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 you shall not bow down to them or worship them; for i, the Lord your God, am a jealous God.”
- Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take.”

What does the Bible say about having a crush on someone?

- Unfortunately, the Bible doesn’t say anything about dating, having a boyfriend or girlfriend, and nothing about having a crush on someone. In Biblical times, in the Old and the New Testament, most marriages were arranged by the families of the couple getting married, they were set up, and the couple getting married didn’t actually get much say in who they were getting married too. There was no dating period to “test out” the relationship.
- But, the Bible makes it very clear as to what a real relationship with God looks like, and instructs us that our relationship with Him is to be prioritized among the rest.

Conclusion

- We crave to be noticed, cared for, liked, and loved, and truly there is no crush or relationship on this earth that can give us what we crave more than Jesus can. A real relationship with Jesus starts with a real encounter with Him. You can't develop a dating relationship or have a boyfriend or girlfriend with another person without actually meeting and talking to them first. The same goes for our relationship with God, without actually telling Him what's on your heart and talking with Him, we can't develop a true relationship with Him.
- When we connect with Jesus, are honest with Him, and get to know Him, He fills us up and reminds us that we are noticed, cared for, and loved more than any other person could love or care for us.