

THREE CHOICES TO A “PROMISE LAND” MARRIAGE

1. CHOOSE COVENANT RELATIONSHIP OVER CONTRACT RELATIONSHIP

So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

“At last!” the man exclaimed.

*“This one is bone from my bone,
and flesh from my flesh!*

She will be called ‘woman,’

because she was taken from ‘man.’”

*This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife,
and the two are united into one.*

Genesis 2:21-24 (NLT)

2. CHOOSE AN INVESTMENT MINDSET OVER AN EXPENSE MINDSET

Do not be deceived... A man reaps what he sows.

Galatians 6:7 (NIV)

3. CHOOSE TO BE GOD DEPENDENT INSTEAD OF CO-DEPENDENT, INTER-DEPENDENT, OR INDEPENDENT

*“Dependence is stubbornly locking into how your need has to be met”
Pete Kuiper*

Soon a Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Please give me a drink.” He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food. The woman was surprised, for Jews refuse to have anything to do with Samaritans. She said to Jesus, “You are a Jew, and I am a Samaritan woman. Why are you asking me for a drink?” Jesus replied, “If you only knew the gift God has for you and who you are speaking to, you would ask me, and I would give you living water.” “But sir, you don’t have a rope or a bucket,” she said, “and this well is very deep. Where would you get this living water? And besides, do you think you’re greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well? How can you offer better water than he and his sons and his animals enjoyed?” Jesus replied, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh, bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.” “Please, sir,” the woman said, “give me this water! Then I’ll never be thirsty again, and I won’t have to come here to get water.”

John 4:8-15 (NLT)

For my people have done two evil things:

They have abandoned me—

the fountain of living water.

And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all.

Jeremiah 2:13 (NLT)

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