

# MOMENTUM YOUTH BIBLE STUDY SERIES

THE CHRONICLES OF JENIAH & URIA  
#23 - MARRIAGE & THE FAMILY  
DRESS SHOPPING





**U**riah could not take it any longer. Danielle, his older cousin, asked he and Jeniah to go shopping with her and promised to take both he and Jeniah for pizza after they went shopping. Little did he know that the shopping she was referring to was dress chopping. And not just any dress, it was wedding dress shopping!

With each stop, it became clear to him that all of the wedding dresses looked alike. Some of the dresses had flowing trains , others had sleeves with no trains, and some had no sleeves, but to him they all looked the same. He couldn't understand how Jeniah and Danielle would "ohh" and "ahh" over each dress. They would talk about the cut of one dress versus the texture of another. He could hear them in the dressing room comment about how one made Danielle feel, only to try on another dress to say the same thing about that one!

He was about to lose it... and his phone battery was dead so he was stuck listening to the commentary of each dress.

He looked over at one of the attendants and noticed she was reading a magazine. He was shocked because the cover said MESSAGE, but the front had a picture of a bride staring into the eyes of her husband. Desperate to talk to someone, he asked the attendant what she was reading. She smiled and proceeded to tell him she was on break but would love to talk to him about her magazine. She said it wasn't an ordinary fashion journal. The author used the symbol of the bride and groom to discuss the importance of marriage and the family. After a short time, Uriah and his new found friend were having a discussion revolving around the Bible's admonition for biblical marriage.

"What if I told you that marriage was more than just getting dressed up in nice dresses and suits? God instituted marriage for Adam and Eve to work together to remain obedient to Him." His new friend was intrigued by this train of thought.

"Why did God give Adam a wife?" Uriah asked. "So he won't be lonely," his new friend responded. "Close," Uriah said with a smile.

Genesis 2:18 - *"The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a \_\_\_\_\_ suitable for him."*

“Just before God said that, He instructed Adam to take care of the garden and warned him of the dangers of eating from the tree in the middle of the garden,” Uriah said.

Genesis 2:15-17 - *“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to \_\_\_\_\_ it and take care of it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”*

“Adam and Eve messed up didn’t they?” The clerk replied. “Yep, and that’s why the world is so out of whack now. But did you know,” Uriah continued, “that in several places in the Bible, God commanded His people to work together to obey His commands. It was like a built in support system against the tricks of the Enemy.”

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These \_\_\_\_\_ that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. \_\_\_\_\_ about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”*

Proverbs 22:6 *“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”*

“I think Jesus likes weddings. In fact, I believe his first miracle was at a wedding,” The attendant said. “Yep, it was at a wedding!” Uriah replied. “He turned water into wine. I can imagine that was an amazing thing for everyone to witness.”

“Make sure you take your time when you select a mate,” the clerk cautioned. “No worries here ma’am. I’m going to wait a long time before I get married. I heard that marrying the wrong person can be challenging. I do know the Bible says it can have an impact on our lives,” Uriah responded shaking his head.

2 Corinthians 6:14- *“Do not be yoked together with \_\_\_\_\_. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?”*

“I heard my parents say that marriage was based on a trust relationship. One where they each have to sacrifice to make things work. Its just like the way Jesus sacrificed for us, we do the same for our spouses,” Uriah shared.

Ephesians 5:21-25 *“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”*

Uriah continued, “Children also have a responsibility to make sure the family reflects the image of God. They too have a part to play in showing God’s love, by honoring the individuals that gave them life. It’s interesting that their quality of life and longevity is connected to how they treat those that gave them life in the first place. Very interesting!”

Ephesians 6:1-3 *“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. \_\_\_\_\_ your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”<sup>1</sup>*

“I must say that I’m very impressed, young man. I’m shocked that you know so much about the Bible and family. I want my little ones to be as smart as you when they grow up!” The clerk exclaimed.

“Actually,” Uriah began to confess, “my mom was listening to the radio on the way here and a guy preaching came on. His sermon was about marriage and family. With all this wedding talk, I figured it would be good to pay attention!”

“Well I’m glad you were paying attention! I never realized how much I could learn about God’s love just from looking at the family structure. I don’t think I’ll look at marriage, or my family, quite the same again.” the clerk said with a smile.