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So

The other day on the news I noticed scrolling at the bottom of the screen

Divorce filings expected 2 rise due 2 covid-19

Wow what R the odds!

Thinking bout this I wondered Y would they say that?

Can't marriages withstand a virus?

A pandemic?

I don't know,

I'm not married

Maybe the premise behind the headlines was the fact that being "imprisoned" with Ur spouse 4 days, weeks n months on end makes U fall outta love!

Don't know

Again I'm not married

But I did see on a channel a video of a sweet lil boy telling his mom, "mamma! I need space!!!"

(maybe that's y school was created?!?)

2 give kids space from their parent's

N vice versa!?!)

How true it is...

We need space from one another!

Even in the book of Proverbs there's a verse bout giving neighbors space lest U wear out ur welcome! (Proverbs 25:17)

God is smart.

Here in prison U definitely see n experience people wearing out their welcome! Mostly the hustlers n beggars, but sometimes friends or members of ur respective faith!

Yikes!

But on top of that mind u

Prison live comes with a celly attached!!!

A stranger! Or 2 or 3 or 7!!!

In max where U only get 1 U 2 R locked in a cell 4 23hours everyday 4 the most part! Keep in mind there's a toilet n sink in there with u! N a window that may or not open! Nuff said! On top of that when it comes 2 showering U 2 will more than likely b in there together!

Yup no getting away!

Its basically a "forced marriage" of sorts

Mind U if U don't get along with Ur celly Ur told " y'all grown. Handle it like men! If y'all can't do that U can go 2 seg! " or U here the trite , "U should've thought bout that b4 u came 2 prison!"

Well I didn't!

But what I did think bout was...

The type of woman I want a relationship with!

Meaning when I thought bout marriage the barometer became...

If " she" was my celly could I tolerate her quirks n nuances,sense of humor,attitude etc 4 the rest of my life!

Could I take being locked in a room with this lady 4 a minimum of 23 hours a day?!?

In addition asked myself,

What will I do 2 make the relationship work? N keep the propensity 4 tension n anger that humans have 2 a lowest low?

How will I balance our collective n individual need 4 space/alone time with our collective n individual need 4 togetherness?

Soon the experiment began!

I decided 2 start putting into Practice the Nazarene concept of "dying 2 self/pick up Ur cross!"

Whew!

What I do that 4 ?!!!!;!!!!!!!

Definitely not 4 the faint at heart

Definitely show U how selfish U truly R even if U view urself as a selfless person

More I put other's first more they put me last

Men (some not all) R like that!

Still I had 2 press on n prove that following Jesus concepts was/will b worth it in the end

:)

One of those concepts is found in the Old Testament

Yes! The Old Testament!

Which my old soul prefers!

NEways the concept is found in

Deuteronomy 24:5

N it reads In the King James Version

" When a man has taken a new wife

He shall not go out 2 war

Neither shall he be charged with any business,

But he shall be free at home 1year

N shall cheer up his wife which he has taken "

There it is!

What a concept!

A yearlong honeymoon where the Man bore the responsibility of getting 2 know n of cheering up his wife!

Surely a marriage built on this concept could n would survive covid-19 n truly endure " through sickness n health" n "4 richer or poorer"

When the time comes that's the plan

Spend a year alone with my wife just getting 2 know her. This will help us not have a shallow marriage n anchor our love n oneness in Love n the Love of Christ. This will bless us with determination 2 fight 4 love, increase our relationship, prove that we have what it takes 2 endure 4 the long haul n withstand the inevitable storms that will attach our union,it will increase our soul tie 2 one another!

This just in..

Mothers spend more than a year getting 2 know their kids! Which helps them love em more,help em b patient,help em know the kids like the back of they hand!helps them b long suffering, helps them minister 2 n nurture they children,as well as know they motives,gifts,talents,attitudes,heart,potential,mannerisms,propensities, nuances, likes,dislikes,personality, emotional disposition, bad n good habits!,hygiene practices,what they can n can't b trusted with,they hopes n dreams,fears,anxieties...

Interesting!

God is smart

Mind u Adam n Eve were 2gether 4 like 900 something years! N their marriage survived the fall in the garden! N one son killing another ! N only God knows what else. But through it all Adam "cleaved 2 his wife" Genesis 2:24 cause " its not good that man should b alone! Plus they had 2 b fruitful n multiply!

Amen

That's a whole another piece

Working on it!

Believe the Old principles will make life n our love life a thousands times better!

4 starters back in the day Men valued marriage n love more than women do today!

Remember a Husband was 2 CLEAVE 2 his wife

Look up cleave n Ull see how significant men once viewed love n women

There's even a bachelor's party of sorts recorded in Judges 14:10 that lasted 7 days! See verses 1-12

Neways 2 the married n newly married may u blessedly use this quarantine time 2 fall in love with ur spouse all over again! Or 4 the first time!

Amen

Respectfully

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