BEFORE I SAY I DO!

<u>Deuteronomy 20:7</u> And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her.

<u>Deuteronomy 24:5</u> When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: but he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken.

<u>Proverbs 24:27</u> Prepare thy work without, And make it fit for thyself in the field; And afterwards build thine house.

The Logic of Deuteronomy 24:1-5

- > 1st marriage: Marriage doesn't solve problems, marriage reveals problems!
- > 2nd marriage: 2nd marriage reveals you still have problems
- > 3rd marriage: 3rd marriage reveals that you are the problem
- > Scripture reveals most problems should be dealt with before marriage and right at the

Beginning of marriage!

Arrested development Adjustment issues

How do these texts impact us?

1. Preparation for life...& therefore marriage!

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This is, or course, a proverb!			
> 90-95% of men			
Prepare your f	${f f}$!!!	
Outside / without pr	inside / within		
➤ After that → build you h	→ m		→ cl

What does this mean today?

Our post-modern dilemma: I'm going to be d !

OK!!! What will they discover?

Thoughts:

- ➤ This will include ed
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- **Becoming m**
- > A unique
- > Preparation for
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And then working of y - meaning growing !!!

<u>1 Peter 2:1</u> Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, <u>1 Peter 2:2</u> As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, <u>that</u> ye may grow thereby: <u>1 Peter 2:3</u> If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

<u>2 Peter 3:18</u> But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

<u>Luke 2:40</u> And the child <u>grew (ηὕξανεν)</u>, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased (προ God (χάριτι παρὰ θεῷ) and man (χό Goal & growth:	<u>κοπτεν)</u> in wisdom (σοφία) and stature (ἡλικία), and in favour with οιτι παραἀνθρώποις).
Mental	Physical
Spiritual	Social
> Develop healthy, wholesome	nterests
90%+ of marital problems: > Not prepared for life > Haven't really grown up > Bored, boring, & bore the sp	ouse to death!!!
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Practical: ➤ Learning- the other ➤ Adjusting - how much of thi ➤ Establishing good practices	is there?
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What might some of the distraction	be?