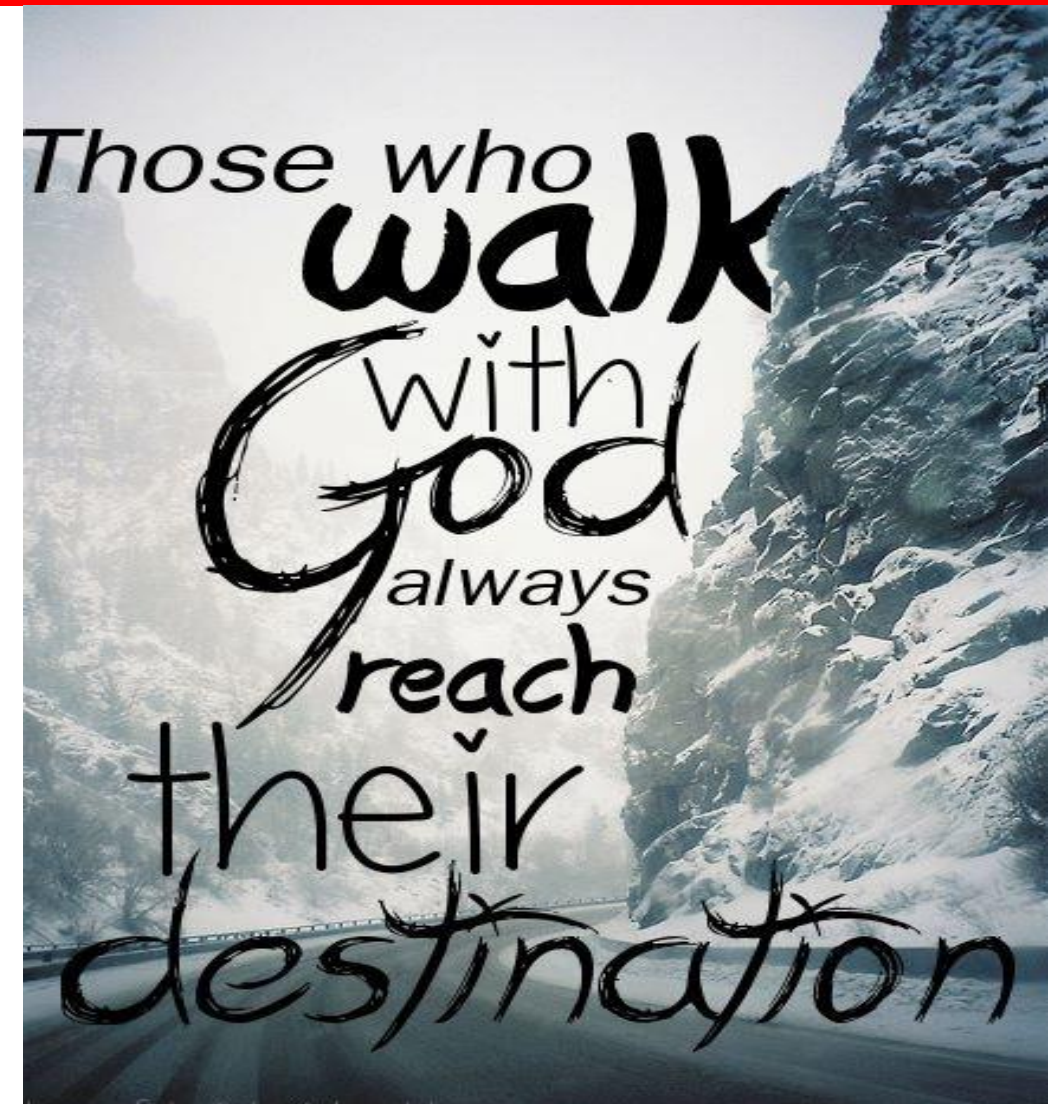




ALIGNMENT WITH THE GOD OF MARRIAGE

– Psalm 128:1-6

Building your marriage on God's
solid foundation and sustaining favour



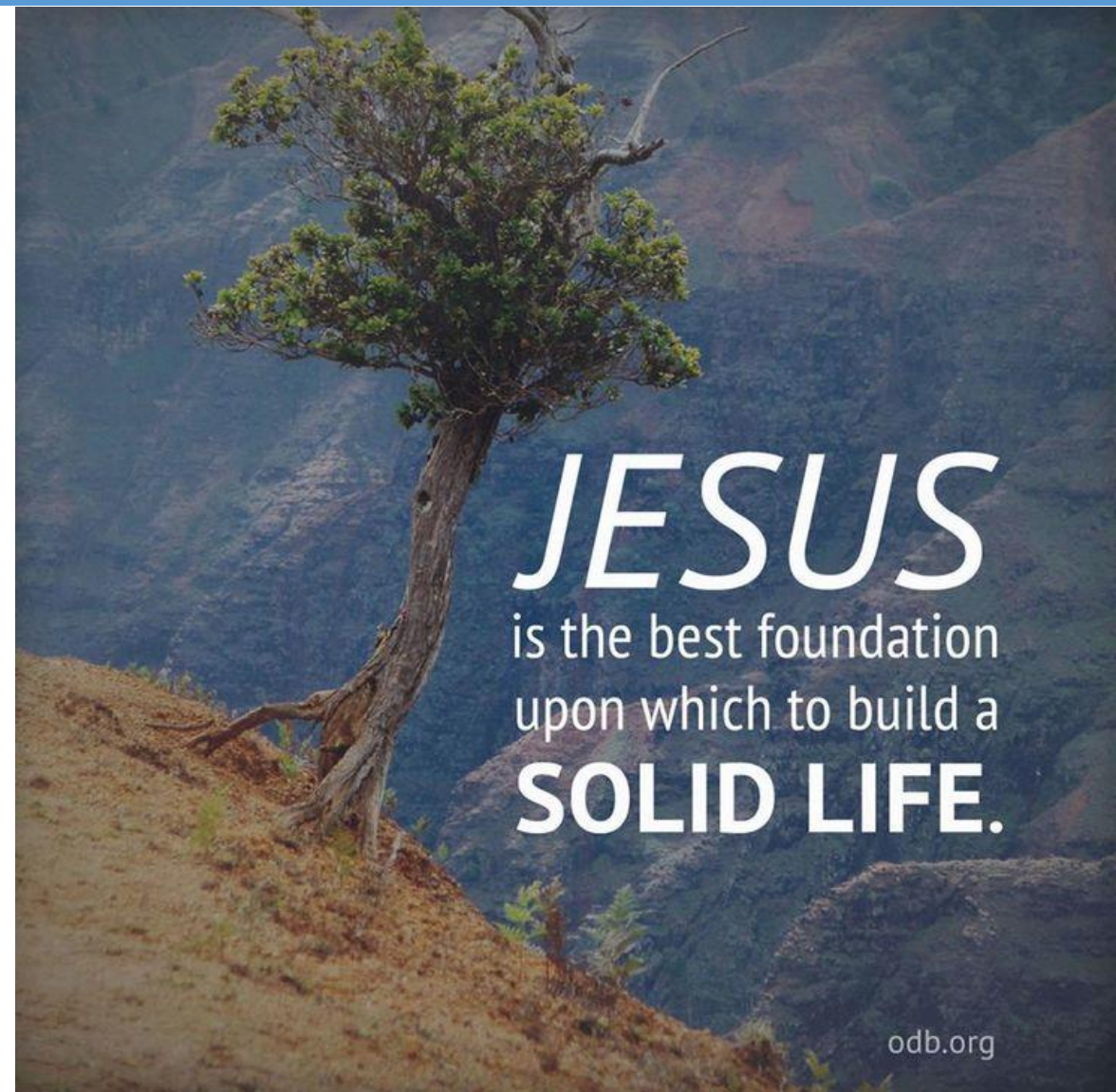
PREFACE

If you want to share your life with a believer, you must be aligned with his/her Father. You should therefore first work on yourself before expecting the change elsewhere!

- ❑ God is the Architect of marriage and He knows it better than any other.
- ❑ To win in marriage, you must understand God's principles and apply them consistently.
- ❑ Alignment with God ensures right choice of partner and right discipline in partnership.
- ❑ The attitude of alignment with God will follow you home and transform your marriage.
- ❑ Alignment with God opens the door to blessings!

OUTLINE

- ❑ Cornerstone of scriptural salvation
- ❑ Commitment to sacrificial service
- ❑ Cultivation of social skills



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CORNERSTONE OF SCRIPTURAL SALVATION – I John 1:5-10

- ❑ Our salvation is based on God's promise to save and cleanse.
- ❑ To be saved, you must turn away from your sins and believe on Jesus as Saviour.
- ❑ Salvation produces a changed life: you become God's child (II Corinthians 5:17).
- ❑ When God saves you, He saves you unto good works (Ephesians 2:10).



"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

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COMMITMENT TO SACRIFICIAL SERVICE – Romans 12:1

- ❑ Service is an expression of our love for God (Mark 12:28-31).
- ❑ It is the visible manifestation of true consecration (Romans 12:1,2,11).
- ❑ Your service should be according to God's specification (Romans 12:4-8).
- ❑ The aim must be to glorify God (Romans 15:5,6).

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MARK 12:30

CULTIVATION OF SOCIAL SKILLS (1) – Proverbs 18:24

The lifestyle you develop in the house of God actually follows you into your marriage. Therefore, work on biblical social skills, and your vital relationship will be transformed!

❑ Bearing burdens - Galatians 6:2,5:

- Look beyond personal gain or interest.
- Strive to contribute something positive to another.
- Care: let others' needs draw your practical action!
- Take responsibility and challenge others to do so too.

❑ Communication with courtesy – I Peter 3:8:

- Let there be no anger, clamour or evil speaking.
- Make no negative assumptions: "Prove all things..."
- Desist from murmuring: find room to air your views.

CULTIVATION OF SOCIAL SKILLS (2) – I Corinthians 10:31-33

❑ Obedience and oneness (Hebrews 13:1,17):

- There should be no segregation (male-female, rich-poor, old-young, nationality-tribe, etc.)
- Submit yourself to leadership: this is practical submission to the Lord.

❑ Resolution with respect (Colossians 3:12-14):

- Offences are bound to occur!
- Avoid any root of bitterness: don't bottle up!
- Follow Jesus' protocol (Matthew 18:15-17).
- Never take a believer to court! (I Corinthians 6:1-7).

The focus of a true believer is a life without offence or hindrance to others; rather, he inspires, helps and comforts. True Christianity focuses on a good report. What then is a better preparation for marital bliss than a life taught by God to be socially skilful!



TIME TO PRAY!