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Keys to a Lasting and Loving Marriage (The Ten Words; The Greatest of These is Love; Birth and Death; Made in the Image of Elohim; Marriage – Till Death Do Us Part; Common Thoughts for Staying Together; Men Need to Feel Wanted; Women Need to Feel Loved; Transactional Analysis; Respect One Another; Making Life Choices; Good Times and Bad Times; Get Some Things Done; Look for Faith and Wisdom; Fear God and Keep His Commandments; Come Back and Make Things Work; Be Patient; Schedule Alone Time Together; A Summary of Things to Focus On; It's All About Family; A Proverbs 31 Women; All You Need is Love)

December 21, 2019 – Dave Tyler
Keys to a Lasting and Loving Marriage

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TEACHING NOTES

-Welcome to United Israel World Union, this is our Sabbath morning scripture study coming to you live from the United Israel Center Northeast, in Rome, New York. Thank you for joining us this morning.

-Today's teaching will be on the Keys to a Lasting and Loving Marriage based on the Hebrew Bible and Life's Experiences.

-December 22nd at sundown begins the festival of Dedication, more popularly known as Hanukkah—the festival of Lights. This special Jewish festival that non-Jews often mistakenly think of as the “Jewish Christmas,” has its origins in the revolt of the Maccabees against the infamous Greco-Syrian ruler Antiochus IV (aka Epiphanes) in 167 BCE. <https://unitedisrael.org/hanukkah-yes-kislev-24/>

-Deu 5: 6 "I am YHVH your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 7 "You shall have no other gods before me. 8 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 9 You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I YHVH your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 10 but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. 11 "You shall not take the name of YHVH your God in vain, for YHVH will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. 12 "Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as YHVH your God commanded you. 13 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 14 but the seventh day is a Sabbath to YHVH your God. On it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant, or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. 15 You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and YHVH your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore YHVH your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day. 16 "Honor your father and your mother, as YHVH your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well

with you in the land that YHVH your God is giving you. 17 "'You shall not murder. 18 "'And you shall not commit adultery. 19 "'And you shall not steal. 20 "'And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. 21 "'And you shall not covet your neighbor's wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor's house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's.' 22 "These words YHVH spoke to all your assembly at the mountain out of the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and he added no more.

-These are powerful statements. Today I would like to start with the big things first and then get into the little things. Supporting mitzvot can also be found in scripture about relations and who you can get married to and those kinds of things. In regard to the ten you really have to follow all of them to have a good marriage. The two that are really focused on marriage is the one on adultery and with coveting other people's spouses or to live their lives. Honoring your father and mother is important as well as honoring your father-in-law and mother-in-law and that may not always be easy, but these are good things.

-I am speaking as someone who has studied the Bible since 1972 and sharing with my parents from the King James Bible and telling them what it meant. Also having been married for 38 years and having children and Patty and I are extremely happy together and how did we end up there? It's going to take some work. When you first get married you are floating off the ground and everything is beautiful but that will change, and you will have to learn how to live with one another. The book gives us a lot of advice and the greatest of that is love, and with love comes respect and honoring each other.

-Remember you must die, the idea that we are even born is miraculous. The odds of you being born are nearly zero percent, and the odds that you are going to die are nearly 100 percent as there are only two people in the whole Tanakh that have gone right into heaven. What happens in between is the important thing. We need to remember time frames as well, for YHVH time frames are like billions of years and to us maybe a century is the maximum we can experience. Remember that death is a part of life to move onto the next part. Scripture tells us that we are made in the image of Elohim and this is different that a lot of other religions as we are aware that we are aware and that's the Elohim part of us. You have a heritage that comes from the creator of the universe and act as such in life.

-Iteration is a part of life, you'll have to try and fail at life. Losers don't get back up, winners get back up and try again. If you are trying again, Einstein told us the definition of insanity is, trying the same thing over-and-over again, expecting a different result. In Genesis 2 we get this amazing description of the creation.

-Gen 2: 24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. 25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

-This is a powerful statement that we were designed to be together. The idea that marriage is a commitment until death was developed later but it could be implicit in this so how do you get to that point? How is it that you stay together until death do you part? It goes back to those ten, if you respect each other and those that surround you that's a good start and love is really a big deal. Looking back at the psychology of couples who stay together, there are common thoughts. One is that a man needs to feel wanted. When his biological duties are done, and the children are born he still needs to feel like he's

necessary for some things. Conversely, a woman needs to feel appreciated, loved, and respected. Sometimes women talk quietly and say very important things and we men don't listen. It is very important to listen to one another.

-In Transactional Analysis the adult mind is modeled into three states. The parental state (P), the adult state (A), and the childlike state (C) which has two states within it. One is the creative child and the other is the mischievous child. The parental state also has two different states, the good parent and the bad parent. When you are talking about things that matter, money, where are you going to live, new jobs, how are you going to take care of your children the best state is adult to adult because this is where the best communication happens. The parental state is also good but parenting your spouse can be taken as arrogance. The childlike state can also be good, like painting a bedroom red or orange. If you are trying to talk seriously to your spouse (adult to adult) and they are in a bad parental state and you can't get them into the adult state within four to five sentences go away and come back and talk another day. It's about respect.

-Other issues that we have in our lives are very simple, yet they are big to some people and if the spouse doesn't recognize that this it can cause bad feelings over time, so this is something that you should really look at. If you can learn how to talk to one another correctly with the end in mind, respect is a big part of this. Think about your spouse, don't let your job or your duties become overwhelming. In the Bible, the people of Israel were commanded to live together for a year.

-Deu 24: 5 "When a man is newly married, he shall not go out with the army or be liable for any other public duty. He shall be free at home one year to be happy with his wife whom he has taken.

-This is a beautiful thing that was put in the Torah. People need time and when they first move in together all the things that you never understood about one another start coming out and you must learn how to deal with them. Remember to be respectful of the other person and don't bring up hateful speech because that wears into the psyche and divorce does happen, some people do change. In most successful marriages you work together with that final goal in mind. We shouldn't say anything bad about people who get divorced, it happens. It takes two to make it want to work. Traveling all around the world for work puts a lot of stress on a marriage. Having children is a great blessing of marriage. Children bring great happiness, but it is also very stressful. You can have great children to raise or you can have troublesome children. God gives the tough children to really good parents, otherwise they become really bad people. With all of the people in the bible, the greatest part of their wealth was their families. There is a lot of joy that comes with holding your grandchild and seeing your kids do good things.

-You must make some choices in life and one of them is that you will become one, and in those choices, you will have to give up somethings in life. Both of you will have to determine what you can and cannot give up. Early in my life I golfed a lot and I realized it took a lot of time and Patty wasn't going to golf, so I stopped golfing. Dad told me that you can be a jack of all trades and a master of none or you can focus on a few things. There were a lot of things in my life that I just never had the time to do. Patty and I chose to do music together and that was a key thing and we grew together. You do have to have alone time as well, so we balanced those things.

-Solomon was quite the character and he certainly lived life to its extremes. The Book of Ecclesiastes is very powerful. Sometimes to learn life you must experience the good and

the bad and then you understand what the good is and what the bad is. In the Proverbs there are a few things that I want to bring out in talking about the wife of your youth.

-Pro 5: 18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, 19 a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.

-Pro 6: 28 Or can one walk on hot coals and his feet not be scorched? 29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; none who touches her will go unpunished.

When we live our lives together, we tend to forget that beautiful feeling when we first came together and with all the hopes and dreams that you had. Whatever you think life will be like forty years from now, I guarantee it won't be like that.

-In your marriage the two of you are together, but if you have YHVH in your marriage and he's the supreme authority, that's powerful. You can take advice from your parents and from other people, but every marriage is different just like fingerprints and YHVH knows your needs before you ask. YHVH knows you individually and created both of you and gave you life. When you respect the creator and the commandments and try to live it his way, he will help you in ways that you may not even know. Dreams that you might have or things that will happen to you in life. It's like we are in a ship and we are going on a long journey and the end of that journey is the end of your life. Along the way you are going to go through some bad storms, there's good sailing and there's bad sailing. If you work together in the tough times, you'll truly enjoy the good times. Enjoy yourself along the path, but also keep focused. You are only going to be here for a certain amount of time, so get some things done. Have some kids, get more education, keep reading books, and go to Israel at least once as a couple to see the people and the land.

-Our faith is not that difficult, there's one God the creator YHVH, and there is a way that he gave us embedded in the Torah with commandments and suggestions for a way of life and he chose to reveal these things through a group of people called Israel. When you are looking for wisdom and it's what you search for it will become everything to you and you'll be focused. Wisdom is what to do with knowledge and it's difficult to obtain true wisdom.

-Pro 18: 22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from YHVH.

-This is very powerful that God puts you together so that you can then generate another generation of children. Religion is the manmade impact of faith and destruction of it sometimes. Greek thought permeates all religions.

-**Sukkot – Losing My Religion** (Imagine; Religion – A System of Thought and Practice; What God Made was Good; Outside the Gates of Eden; Human Freedom; Religion – Forget the Labels; The Awesomeness of YHVH; The Tent of Meeting; Holy Ground; Speaking Face to Face; Hear My Words; An Encounter with God; Receive the Spirit of God; What Does God Require of You; Love the Stranger; Religion – De-Theologizing Words; In Which You Trust – I Will Do as I Did to Shiloh; Obey the Still Small Voice; YHVH's Self-Description; Go Into the Desert; Not My People Become My People; A Little Sanctuary; Hebrew – Crossing Over From Babylon; Losing My Religion)

October 19, 2019 – Dr. James Tabor

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-Solomon put out some great wisdom and that was his life, he went out, he wandered, and he came back. Even though he did a lot of bad things, he was a great king in the end.

-Ecc 12: 13 The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil.

-We will not get away with anything. We are to fear God and keep his commandments. If we are ever privileged to meet YHVH, that he is the power that made and holds the universe together, we will be in awe. Fear God and keep his commandments beginning with the ten we read earlier. We are to respect one another and how to live properly in society.

-There are seductive ways in life that people get hooked up into, drugs and alcohol, sex, and gambling which will try to take you away from the way of Torah. Even if you fall, you can be forgiven and come back and make things work. When you practice faith for many years you feel less drawn to that which draws us away from God. YHVH helps us keep our sanity when we experience bad things in life. Dad taught me to worship and love and serve God while things are good, don't go to him after things have gone bad. Go to him when things are good and support this way of Torah your whole life. It will help you enjoy life and overcome the most difficult of times. Don't be overly religious either where it constricts you and you can't do anything. Go and see a movie or a play, it's not all just religion. In Jeremiah 30-31 it tells us that these things should be in your heart and in your mind. These are important things for life.

-Love and respect are the two big things, and care about your spouse. Buy her flowers and chocolates if it pleases her. Don't get annoyed if it takes your wife too long to get ready to go out, just remember she's getting dressed up and she wants to look good for you. She honors me in that way, take whatever time you need. You must work on the personal parts of your life.

-Pro 19: 13 A foolish son is ruin to his father, and a wife's quarreling is a continual dripping of rain. 14 House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from YHVH.

-Children are a lot of work and can strain a marriage. Two things that can hurt a marriage are income and kids. You should have children, but just be ready. Remember that after the kids go, it will be you and your spouse together. It's like a new lease on life when the children leave the home and you're home alone for the first time in a long time. It's a great thing.

-Remember to prepare for yourself, some alone time. You need to get away. Spend some time alone and focus on one another and remember those reasons why you liked one another in the first place. Do this, it's a very powerful thing. What are the commandments or suggestions for a married life?

-The following is a summary of the most powerful things that we need to focus on: YHVH should be the first thing in your life. You cannot have any other lovers or relationships in your life, it doesn't work. You shouldn't have an affection or priority that will displace your spouse, for me I had to quit golfing. Don't ever speak dishonorably about your spouse. If your spouse upset you last night, don't share that with the world, certain things are to remain private. Schedule time together. Honor your father and mother and your father-in-law and mother-in-law. Do not wound your spouse with anger. Be careful what you say as it could be so hurtful that they will remember them for a long time. Don't lie and deceive one another. Don't try to compete with your spouse or resent

them for being successful. Remember the two of you are one. Remember what Solomon said in the end, obey God and do the commandments as this is the duty of all humankind. -At United Israel World Union, we have a common bond that is YHVH and the Hebrew Bible and we are here to help as a community. Even if we are on the internet and we have this sort of Synagogue Without Walls, we can see and try to see each other all the time. We as a group are very happy about your marriage and we ask for YHVH's blessing on you. It takes two and you must want to make this thing happen and YHVH will make it happen for you. We want you to have some children and for John and Jodell and John and Terri to be grandparents. To hold the child of your child in your arm is one of the most powerful experiences. If you are blessed, you will be able to hold your greatgrandchild in your arms as well.

-Family is a big deal and Torah is all about family. We are all brothers and sisters here and our family is a little bit bigger now. We all believe in the Hebrew Bible and we don't all have the same views on everything, but we have very similar views. YHVH is God. The Torah is the way. The nation of Israel in both the land and the people are the way he chose to implement this. There are a lot of stresses out in the world and they become noise just let them go on and don't worry about too many things. Just worry about each other and how you can do that.

-Pro 31: 10 An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. 11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. 13 She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. 14 She is like the ships of the merchant; she brings her food from afar. 15 She rises while it is yet night and provides food for her household and portions for her maidens. 16 She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. 17 She dresses herself with strength and makes her arms strong. 18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. 19 She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. 20 She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. 21 She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household are clothed in scarlet. 22 She makes bed coverings for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is known in the gates when he sits among the elders of the land. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them; she delivers sashes to the merchant. 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. 26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. 27 She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 29 "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." 30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears YHVH is to be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

-Love is the answer and it is very deep. We are to love God and God loves us and we are embraced in this environment. A lot of people are making this wedding happen and we all have a feeling for you tomorrow. It's such a beautiful thing, enjoy it, and don't ever forget this day, it will change your life forever. Don't stop believing in YHVH and don't stop loving and supporting your spouse. Everything else will come into perspective after this. All you need is love.

Shabbat Shalom

The following Audio/Video are additional UIWU teachings for the Hanukkah season.

The Reason for the Season (Hanukkah – The Festival of Dedication; David praises YHVH – Psalm 30; The Afflictions of the Righteous; Trust and Praise YHVH your God; Transitioning from Mourning (Darkness) to Joy (Light); The Miracle of a single cruise of Oil; By my Spirit says YHVH of Hosts; The Day of Small Things; The Seven Eyes of YHVH; Looking for Someone to be Strong for; Return to me and I will return to you; The distinction between the righteous and the wicked.)

December 12, 2015 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmYzy6mbQwA>

Hanukkah Yes, but what About Kislev 24?

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December 16, 2019 <https://unitedisrael.org/hanukkah-yes-kislev-24/>

Reunion in Egypt – Genesis 46:28-47:31 (Time is Holy; Hanukkah; Walk in the Name of YHVH; The Second Exodus; A Famine of Hearing the Word of YHVH; Jacob’s Dreams – Genesis 28 & 46; The Liberation of Jerusalem; The Word of God and the Spirit of God Bring Life – We Need Both)

December 16, 2017 – Ross Nichols

Audio/Video Link: <https://unitedisrael.org/reunion-in-egypt-genesis-4628-4731/>

Hidden Sparks Beneath the Surface-From Cheshvan to Kislev, the Month of Miracles

All of the months are interrelated, each connecting to the next in the cycle of the seasons, the ‘round’ of the year...set up by The Creator from the beginning for our benefit to make up what we call time...like a beautiful string of pearls...each is significant to the whole...and each carries within it a special spark that lies hidden beneath the surface, waiting to be discovered!

December 15, 2017 <https://unitedisrael.org/hiddensparks/>

THIS WEEK IN TORAH

DECEMBER 21, 2019

This week’s Torah Portion VaYeshev: “And He Lived” (Genesis 37:1 – 40:23) The Chronicles of Jacob and his offspring; Joseph’s dreams and his intensified hatred; Joseph is sent to visit he brothers; Reuben saves Joseph from the plot to kill him; Joseph is sold; The version told to Jacob; Judah and Tamar; The Roots of the Messiah and the Israelite Monarchy; Judah’s sons marry Tamar, but die for their sins; The moral basis for the union of Tamar and Judah; Tamar’s pregnancy; Tamar bears twins; Joseph in Egypt;

Prelude to exile; Potiphar's wife slanders Joseph; The cupbearer and the baker; Their dreams and Joseph's interpretations.

"This Week in Torah" FB Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/571648826269105/>

The following Audio/Video are UIWU teachings from the Triennial teachings for this week's annual teaching from Genesis 37:1 – 40:23 on VaYeshev "And He Lived".

Joseph Saga Part One – Genesis 37 (These are the Generations; Everything points to Jacob's son Joseph; A Universal Story of Redemption; God means it for Good, Life, and the Redemption of his People; Joseph – Secret of the Ages; The Birthright belongs to Joseph; Joseph's Long Robe; Watch the Garments; Lord of the Dreams; Joseph checks for the Peace of his Brothers and the Flock; Following in the Footsteps of the Flock; YHVH tests Joseph; Joseph is Gone; Jacob and Rachel refuse to be Comforted)

September 2, 2017

Audio/Video Link: <https://unitedisrael.org/joseph-saga-part-one-genesis-37/>

Judah Went Down – Genesis 38 (Joseph and Judah – The Sons of Israel; The Chief Ruler comes through Judah; Joseph's Birthright; Recurring Themes; Judah's Plan for Joseph; Judah's Character Development; Doing Bad in the Eyes of YHVH; Ruth the Moabite; Judah Fathers twins with Tamar; The Signet, the Cord, and the Staff; Tamar – More Just than Judah; David's Lineage; Judah and Joseph - Bringing About the Greatest Reunion of All; A Prince Comes from Judah; Learning from the Things we Suffer)

September 9, 2017

Audio/Video Link: <https://unitedisrael.org/judah-went-genesis-38/>

The Temptation of Joseph – Genesis 39 (Joseph's Bad Deal; Judah Went Down and Joseph was Brought Down; The Lifting of the Eyes; Reuben and Judah Contrive Plots to Save Joseph; Who's Got Joseph; Twenty Shekels of Silver; YHVH is with Joseph; Joseph is Blessed; To Sin Against God – I'll be Blamed Forever; A Future Reunion; Stripped of His Garment; Learning Through the Things We Suffer)

September 16, 2017

Audio/Video Link: <https://unitedisrael.org/temptation-joseph-genesis-39/>

Dreams of The Prisoners – Genesis 40 (The Sabbath of Return; God Favors Joseph no matter where he is; Joseph the Dreamer – The Dream Master; In the Pit – What will Become of His Dreams; Dreams in the Ancient World; Dreams of the Gentiles; Interpretations Belong to God; The Cupbearer's Dream; Remember Me; The Chief Baker's Dream; Lift the Head vs Lift the Head from You; Three Sets of Dreams; Lord of the Dreams)

September 23, 2017

Audio/Video Link: <https://unitedisrael.org/dreams-prisoners-genesis-40/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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<https://blossomingrose.org/israel-tours/>

-Tabor & Nichols Israel Tour 2020 – Walking the Ancient Paths: 2/28/2020 – 3/10/2020

<https://blossomingrose.org/israel-tours/tabor-nichols-walking-the-ancient-path-tour-2020/>
& <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xGyJyOmqCI>
-77th Annual UIWU Conference: April 24 – 26, 2020 <https://uiwu.unitedisrael.org/>
-UNCC Mt. Zion Archaeological Project, Dig Mt. Zion (2020): June/July 2020
<https://digmountzion.uncc.edu/>, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/digmountzion/>
-Limited Mobility Israel Tour – 2020: October 19 – 29, 2020
<https://blossomingrose.org/israel-tours/limited-mobility-israel-tour-2020/> &
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gyUGXC4fUvU>
-Connect to Israel Tour – 2020: November 1 – 13, 2020
<https://blossomingrose.org/israel-tours/connect-to-israel-tour-2020/>

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