

In the Beginning...
there was a love affair

The whole Bible is the story of _____.
Jeremiah is after the _____ and _____.
The relationship is on the brink of _____.

In the beginning...

Look it up: Gen 1:26 and Gen 5:2

The very essence of God is _____.

He made us male and female. He invented marriage. He did this in part so we could understand

- the kind of _____,
- the kind of _____,
- the kind of _____.

Our very essence also requires intimate relationship – with _____ and with _____.

Look it up: Gen 1:28-30

BLESSING ALERT! God blessed them...

- Be fruitful and multiply = _____
- Rule over the living creatures on earth = _____
- Have every seed-bearing plant for food = _____

We've settled for the _____.

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Look it up: Gen 3:8-9

God loves our _____.

In response to his gifts and blessings and love, it is natural for us to respond in kind. How would God feel if we gave him secondbest?

Look it up: Gen 4:7

And sin grew and grew until the whole world was covered in wickedness and there was nothing but wickedness in men's hearts.

Look it up: Gen 6:5-6

There was only one _____ man in the whole world.

Look it up: Gen 7:1

In the Old Testament times, the word "_____" means you are someone who has held up your end of the bargain. You have fulfilled the terms of the _____.

How did Noah hold up his end of the bargain? What made him righteous?

Look it up: Gen 6:9

1. He was _____ among the people of his time
2. He _____ with God

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Look it up: Gen 9:1-7

BLESSING ALERT! So God blessed man again:

- Be fruitful and multiply = _____
- Rule over the living creatures on earth = _____
- Have plants *and animals* for food = _____
- Have intimate, loving relationships with _____ and with _____.

The Marriage Proposal

Look it up: Gen 12:1-2

Abram accepts the proposal and elopes with God.

Look it up: Gen 12:4

When Abram's blessing seems to evaporate, God says,
_____.

Look it up: Gen 13:14-17

Abram _____ and the Lord counted it as
_____. God said that was all Abram
needed to do. Just believe God will do what he promised, no matter
how unlikely it seems, no matter how impossible it looks.

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The Marriage is Formalized (Part 1)

God makes a solemn promise and formalizes the contract.

Look it up: Gen 15:9-21

New information:

- Your descendants will be slaves in a foreign country for _____ years
- You will die in peace at a ripe old age

The Marriage is Formalized (Part 2)

Look it up: Gen 17:1

Abram needed to do two things:

1. _____ with God (turn your face toward me)
2. Be _____

BLESSING ALERT! So God blessed Abram again, incorporating it into the marriage covenant:

- You will be the father of many nations
- Your name will no longer be ABRAM, but will be ABRA**HAM**.

God's name was "_____", but from this day forward he called himself "The God of _____, Isaac and Jacob."

Look it up: Exo 3:14-15

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Look it up: Gen 17:7-10

BLESSING ALERT! And God promised more blessings to Abraham and his descendants:

- I will be _____
- The whole _____, where you are now an alien, will be your everlasting possession

What does he mean when he says “I will be your God”?

One more thing for Abraham to do:

3. Every male among you will be _____

And Abraham went that very day and obeyed God.