

Devotional by Paula Sanders Blackwell

As a mother I was very careful about dating after my divorce. My daughter's never met any of my dates. At the time, I felt they already had enough anxiety with losing their family unit. I saw no reason to add to it.

When my new husband and I were dating I didn't tell my daughters. He was very understanding about my reasoning. By this time, I had a clear understanding of who I was again and what I wanted for my future.

In the beginning of our relationship my husband and I were of different faiths. I did not think that was a problem because I had no intention of marrying him anyway. But he had other ideas.

I have worship every morning and it's been my practice for years. He asked me once "Why can't we have worship together?", I laughed "I said why would we do that?", his response "Because I want to know why you believe as you do".

I thought about it for a couple of days. Then I decided to pray about it. The Holy Spirit took me through a series of things that week.

See I wasn't ready for a serious relationship with anyone I was too busy dating for fun. If I started having worship with him that will put us on a different path. So my suggestion to him was for him to get a bible study group at local church where he lived. I didn't think he would. He did.

As he went to bible study he would share all the things he learned. He was excited about how God was working on his behalf. He had a few rough days of car issues, job issues and slowly I began to see how his Christian walk was evolving.

We began having worship together and reading the Bible as a couple. By this time, I knew God had placed him back in my life for a reason.

My husband will happily admit he isn't the same man I dated at 20. He's not even the same man I started dating a few years ago.

He was baptized into my faith and we rejoiced with all of heaven.

Today, he leads our family worship something he had never done before. His prayers are beautiful and heartfelt. I have seen God do great things in his life. He's learned how to fast and pray more than ever.

I learned to let God lead my husband. I learned to keep my mouth shut and pray. I can't thank Stormie Omartian for that lesson learned.

Our reminder text today is-

And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

Deuteronomy 10:12