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A circular inset with a green background contains a dark grey silhouette of a man and a woman dancing. The woman is on the left, wearing a dress and high heels, and the man is on the right, wearing a suit. They are in a classic dance embrace.

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MARRIAGE



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FRIENDSHIP

A circular inset on the left side of the image shows the dark silhouettes of a man and a child dancing together. The man is on the left, holding the child's hand, and the child is on the right, leaning back. The background of the circle is a solid light green color.

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PARENT/STUDENT



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SINGLE/SINGLE AGAIN



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DATING

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THE WORLD





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AUTHORITY

*The challenge of dealing with the various
authorities God has allowed in our lives,
the exercising of personal authority
that each of us has been given,
as well as the **giving up our rights and serve others**
in submission,
have become some of the most difficult situations
we face in our lives, our 'relational dance'.*

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situations where we willingly
submit to another persons authority.*

Genesis 2:15-20

- 15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.
- 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying,
“You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,
17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you
shall surely die.”

18 Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

19 Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name.

20 The man gave names to all livestock and to birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field.

**The appropriate submission to
God as the ultimate authority
and
our total freedom to enjoy life.**

Genesis 3:1-7

- 1 Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?”
- 2 And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,
- 3 but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’”

- 4 But the serpent said to the woman,
“You will not surely die.
- 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will
be opened, and you will be like God,
knowing good and evil.”
- 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for
food, and that it was delight to the eyes, and that
the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she
took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to
her husband who was with her, and he ate.

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21 And the Lord God made for Adam and his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

**The inappropriate denial of the
veracity or authority of God
and
therefore being caught in a
bondage
that ruins our enjoyment of life.**

***We find ourselves on a quest for
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**a reversal of the effects of the fall
– a return to the freedom and
authority we had in the
beginning.**

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1. Recognize and affirm the authority that God has in this world...
and specifically in your world!

Isaiah 45:9

- 9 “Woe to him who strives with Him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots!
Does the clay say to Him who forms it,
‘What are you making?’ or
‘Your work has no handles’?”

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 2. Take responsibility for where and how you have rejected God's authority *in* your life, as well as your refusal to exercise responsibility *for* your life.

Romans 1:28-32

- 28 And since we did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave us up to the debased mind to do what ought not to be done.
- 29 We were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. We are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. We are gossips,
- 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

32 Though we know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, we not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

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3. **Grow in your ability to be an adult with
along side others....a peer with those
around you.**

Matthew 23:1-12

- 1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples,
- 2 “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses seat,
- 3 so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not
the works they do. For they preach, but do not
practice.
- 4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay
them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves
are not willing to move them with their finger.

- 5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long,
- 6 and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues
- 7 and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.
- 8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers.

- 9 And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven.
- 10 Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.
- 11 The greatest among you shall be your servant.
- 12 Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

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-No earthly authority is perfect, but they are assigned to execute righteousness and justice.

-Earthly authority will likely not do things exactly like we would prefer.

Civil Authority- Titus 3:1-2

Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

Church Authority- Hebrews 13:17-18

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things.

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5. **Celebrate the fact that Christ exercises His authority in forgiving your sin.**

Colossians 2:9,10,13-15

- 9 For in Christ the whole fullness of deity dwells
bodily,
- 10 and you have been filled in Him, who is the
head of all rule and authority.
- 13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and
the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made
alive together with Him, having forgiven us all
our trespasses,

14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands.

This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in the cross.

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