## **#ALLTHEFEELS: WEEK 3**

God intends for our relationships to be full of joy, life, and peace, but we live in a culture that continually sends us confusing and contradictory messages when it comes to how we are to deal with our feelings and emotions towards the opposite sex. Some are saying to follow our heart, others are telling us to wait until we're older, so what are we supposed to do? Should we start dating or should we wait? Where are these feelings coming from and how are we supposed to know what to do with them? We understand this can be a difficult and confusing topic, so in this series, our goal is to open God's Word and learn how we can deal with our feelings by acting on them in the way that God intended, for our good and for His glory.



Who was at Wake this weekend and wants to share what they found most helpful from the Q&A Panel?

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- Were there any questions not answered on this weekend's panel that you want to discuss today?
- Do you think that you should date in middle school? What're some questions you should consider before dating?
- -The point of dating is to pursue marriage. Are you ready for that? -Can you pursue purity? (2 Tim. 2:22) -Will you honor them as a brother/sister? (1 Tim. 5:2)
  - When the time comes, how should you decide who to date?
  - -Someone who loves Jesus (Matt. 22:37, 2 Cor. 6:14), obey's God's Word (John 14:21), serves others (Mark 10:45), respects others (Rom. 12:10), etc.
  - Read Proverbs 4:23. What do you think it means to guard your heart and how should you do that in a relationship?
    -You are careful about what goes into it -your thoughts, messages from around you, etc. Don't awaken love until its time (Song of Solomon 8:4)

- What should you do if someone disagrees with you about your boundaries?
  - -Refuse to settle, don't live for their approval, and trust God's Word (Galatians 1:10, Acts 5:29)
  - Is it ok for a guy and girl to be "best friends"?
  - -We are called to not show partiality (James 2:1, Rom. 12:16) and to guard our hearts (Prov. 4:23). More times than not, someone's heart is drifting.
  - What kinds of boundaries should there be in a relationship?
  - -Whatever helps you FLEE temptation, avoid compromise, walk obediently to God's Word, and love Jesus more (Eph. 5:3, 2 Tim. 2:22, 1 Thess. 4:3-8). Seek Godly counsel in determining your boundaries (Prov. 15:22).
  - Is dating a sin?

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- -Dating itself is not a sin, but it can be depending on how you choose to date.
- Does anyone have any final questions that they would like to ask before wrapping up?