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Series: The Adventures of Mike and Mandy  
Part 4: Why Dating Doesn't Have to be That Hard  
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1. What do you remember about your first date?

2. How did you get engaged?

3. There is much to consider in the first passage Adam discussed, Hebrews 12:1-2. Much of our time can be spent here if you choose. It says--“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

- ∞ Hebrews 11 lists some of those among “the great cloud of witnesses” who have gone before us, living “by faith.” Pick out someone in the chapter that most encourages you.
- ∞ Who today has been a witness and encourager to you?
- ∞ We're told to “throw off everything that hinders and the sin that entangles us. What is an example of a hindrance to our Christian life rather than a sin?
- ∞ How can we fix our eyes on Jesus in our every day lives?
- ∞ How is Jesus both the pioneer of faith and the perfecter of it?
- ∞ What was the joy that Jesus looked to that made him endure the shame of the cross?

4. Have you ever had a mentor or been a mentor? What did that relationship look like?

5. Hebrews 13:5 tells us to be content with what we have “because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’” When have you felt this tenacious commitment most?

6. What were the four reasons Adam gave for why people don't keep their commitments these days (or any time)? (**We are overcommitted, better options come along, we fear commitment, we don't value our word.**) Would you add anything to that list? What are the rewards of commitment?

7. What commitments should mark us as Christians? (**Commitment to follow Christ, commitment to God's people, commitment to serve, commitments we've made.**)

8. Psalm 15 is David's description of a good person. Adam highlighted 4b as an example of commitment: "Who keeps his oaths even when it hurts." Can you think of an example of someone keeping an oath even when it hurt?