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**BIBLE BASICS**  
— INTRO TO THE MINOR PROPHETS —  
SUNDAY, JULY 29 | 6-7:30PM  
FORT THOMAS CAMPUS

**Bible Basics**  
There's nothing minor about the Minor Prophets.  
See you tonight for some more Bible Basics!  
**Intro to the Minor Prophets**  
July 29 6-7:30pm  
Fort Thomas Campus



**COME HUNGRY GO BOLDLY**  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
Aug 11 Fasting & Praying  
Aug 12 Lunch 12:30pm  
Florence Campus Café

**Come Hungry, Go Boldly**  
In August, we will fast & pray for our new ministry partner, Fellowship of Christian Athletes.  
**Fasting & praying: Sat, 8/11**  
**Breaking fast w/ lunch: Sun, 8/12**  
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**RETIREMENT CELEBRATION**  
— BOB GREENWOOD —  
SUNDAY, AUG 19 @ 12:30pm | FLORENCE CAMPUS | UPSTAIRS CAFE

**Retirement Celebration**  
**- Bob Greenwood -**  
If you've been blessed through GFC's Counseling Ministry, Bob Greenwood likely had a hand in that. After serving several years as our Counseling Pastor, he's retiring! Join us in celebrating God's ministry through him.  
**Sunday, August 19 12:30pm**  
**Florence Campus Café**



**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**  
Tuesdays, Aug 21 – Nov 13  
6:30-8:30pm  
Florence Room 201  
Register at [graceky.org](http://graceky.org)

**GriefShare**  
GriefShare is a weekly seminar & support group designed to help you rebuild your life after the death of a loved one.  
We know you hurt. We want to help.  
**Begins Tues, Aug 21 Cost \$15**  
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**Marrying Wisely**  
**Proverbs 12:26 & Hebrews 12:1,2**  
Pastor Peter LaRuffa  
July 29, 2018

A. Proverbs contains wisdom to apply when considering someone to marry.

**Proverbs 12:4** “An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rotteness in his bones.”

**Proverbs 18:22** “He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.”

**Proverbs 19:13** “A foolish son is ruin to his father, and a wife’s quarreling is a continual dripping of rain.”

**Proverbs 19:14** “House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the Lord.”

**Proverbs 21:9** “It is better to live in a corner of the housetop than in a house shared with a quarrelsome wife.”

**Proverbs 27:15,16** “A continual dripping on a rainy day and a quarrelsome wife are alike; to restrain her is to restrain the wind or to grasp oil in one’s right hand.”

**Proverbs 31:10** “An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.”

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**B. When it comes to marrying wisely, consider the goal of the Christian life; running the race well, so as to win the prize.**

**1 Corinthians 9:24** “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.”

**2 Corinthians 5:9,10** “So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please Him. For we all must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”

**Hebrews 12:1,2** “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

**C. When two people are considering marriage, they’re considering whether they’ll make a good team as they run the race of life together.**

**6 Things to Consider When Choosing a Teammate**

1. Team unity is vital. **Does this person know how to run? Am I marrying a Christian?**

**2 Corinthians 6:14,15** “Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?”

**1 Corinthians 7:39** “A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.”

2. **Do either of us take false comfort in divorce** as an option if marriage doesn’t work out?

Divorce is one of the only things in the Bible that is never commanded, consistently warned against, prohibited in most cases, but allowed in some. If you’re considering marrying the person that you’re also willing to divorce one day, don’t get married (and probably stop dating).

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3. **Are other runners excited** for you to team up with this person?

**Proverbs 15:22** “Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed.”

**Proverbs 24:6** “For by wise guidance you can wage your war, and in abundance of counselors there is victory.”

**Romans 15:14** “I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.”

4. Over time, team members tend to think and act alike. **Do you want to run like this person runs? Can we help each other run better** and longer for Jesus?

**Proverbs 27:17** “Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”

**Proverbs 13:20** “Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.”

**Proverbs 22:24,25** “Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.”

**1 Corinthians 15:33** “Do not be deceived: ‘Bad company ruins good morals.’”

5. **Can we tell each other hard things we need to hear** in order to run better?

**Proverbs 27:5,6** “Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of any enemy.”

**Proverbs 27:9** “Oil and perfume make the heart glad, and the sweetness of a friend comes from his earnest counsel.”

6. **When we lose our way, can we point each other to the One Person we need to look to for motivation, endurance, and strength to go on?**

**Hebrews 12:2** “...looking to Jesus...”

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