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### **Is Dating Enough** By Rick Artis

**Scripture:**

Hebrews 10:24-25

24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**Theme:**

Dating a church looking for what can be gained is contrary to God's concept of serving the body.

**Applications:**

Regular church attendance

Call to service within the local body, leading to church membership

**Cast:**

2 men

1 woman

**Setting:**

Phone conversation. Danny and Grace are on either side of the platform, each with a phone. Grace could be seated at an office desk. Danny could be nervously pacing with a cordless or cell phone.

**Time:**

Working hours

**Characters:**

Danny Dater- confused about commitment to a local church

Grace- allegorically the local church

Frank Friend- Danny's roommate

**Performance time:**

Approximately 5 minutes

(Phone rings)

Grace- Hello. This is Grace.

Danny- (*tentatively*) Uh... Hi, Grace. It's Danny..... Danny Dater.

Grace- As I live and breathe.....Danny Dater, it's been a loooooong time. I've missed seeing you around.

Danny- I know. I've missed you, too. Actually, I've missed you a lot recently.

Grace- I guess I'm glad to here that. So what's on your mind, Danny?

Danny- (*hesitates*) I... Um... I was wondering if maybe we could try again. You know, make a clean start.

Grace- So, what exactly are you thinking, Danny? It's been over a year since you walked out of my life. No calls, no emails, no letters, nothing. You just left. Just Poof! And where's Danny?

Danny- I know, I was such a jerk. But, I've... I've matured since then. I think I know what it means to have a real relationship.

Grace- How so?

Danny- Well, before I was looking to see what I could get out of the relationship. You know, what's in it for me. Now, I want to see what I can give. (*pleading a bit*) That may not look like much today, but I'm sure it will grow over time.

Grace- That's a promising start. What else?

Danny- I feel like I'd be part of something larger than just myself. You, know, 'the whole is greater than the sum' thing. Together we'd be more than just you and me. We'd be 'us'. And that's so much more than I realized before.

Grace- This is sounding better all the time. Anything else?

Danny- I'm sure you remember all the good times we had. Remember the time we went to the lake with your whole family? That was fun.

Grace- Of course, I remember. I remember you said some pretty harsh things that day. Some of my folks were really hurt by how critical you were.

Danny- I know. I know. I was way out of line. But, I was just feeling like such an outsider. Like I wasn't really a part of the family.

Grace- (*perturbed*) How can you say you didn't feel like part of the family? They went out of their way to include you. If you didn't feel it, who's fault was that?

Danny- Today, I know it was my fault. Back then, I felt like they owed me something.

Grace- (*disbelieving*) Owed you something? Like what?

Danny- Like love and acceptance. I always felt like they wanted me to be something other than what I was.

Grace- I almost can't believe what I'm hearing. My family always loved and accepted you. And believe it or not, they still love you. (*softer*) And so do I, Danny. So do I.

(Continues...)