

Scenario, Part 1

Luis has been home from his mission for almost two years. Because he worries about providing for a future family, he has decided to work part time as he puts himself through school. His time is limited, but he enjoys his weekly institute class and makes it a priority. Luis typically checks social media and plays games on the bus or before classes. He hasn't met many girls since he has been home. He tells his family that he feels like it would be better to wait to seriously pursue marriage until after he is done with school. He thinks that if he is meant to get married sooner, it will happen.

Emma attends the same institute class as Luis but has never met him. She usually sits with her friends and rarely talks to anyone else. She is frustrated with meeting men and dating in general. She worries that if she begins another relationship, it will end, like all the others in her past. She is emotionally tired and doesn't feel she has enough energy to get into another relationship. She finished school a year ago and has a full-time job. She worries she might never meet her true love or be sealed in the temple and wonders if she should date someone outside of the Church.

After reading the scenario together, discuss the following questions:

- What do you think of Luis's and Emma's worries?
- Considering what we learned from section 1 of the preparation material, what advice might be helpful for Luis? What advice might be helpful for Emma?
- If you haven't already talked about the following passages in your group discussion, read them together and discuss how they might relate to Luis and Emma: Proverbs 3:5–6; 2 Nephi 22:2; Doctrine and Covenants 58:26–28. How have you exercised or how could you exercise faith in the Lord in your efforts to find an eternal companion?