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PRESENTING THE NEED TO MY TEAM

- As you began high school a whole new range of social possibilities became abound.
- You now have possibilities of meeting so many new people and doing all kinds of stuff you didn't do before.
- Some things lead down the wrong path. It is so easy to fall by going to a party and drinking a beer one night even though you know it is wrong and you will regret it. It is also easy to go too far in relationships and yet impossible to recover your dignity afterwards.
- The culture presents one image of high school relationships and it does not seem to be the image Jesus would have. In fact, it seems completely opposite.
- They may say "everybody's doing it" but what they really mean is "Don't make me feel guilty by making the right choice." The crowd can seem large but it is really just the same few voices being parroted by many.



OUR CALL TO SERVE

We need to go above and beyond this supposed social norm. We can have relationships but we know what is right and wrong in them. If we are the only ones we have little strength, but if we create the proper atmosphere in our high school, people will remark "nobody's doing that!"

To build a positive atmosphere, we are going to have a night with a speaker on relationships followed by the best party ever. We want to show other high school youth there is a way to "Save the Date."

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WEEK	STEPS	WEEKLY THEME
1	<p>Check Up: the boys on the team need to ensure they always treat girls respectfully. Nobody will believe them if they do not.</p> <p>Set the Date: The boys need to determine a location and date for the main event. They should also confirm speaker(s) and plan food and beverages.</p>	
2	<p>Budget: Determine costs (food, location, speaker) and figure out how much you will have to charge to make a little money.</p> <p>Confirm: check to confirm speaker, location, and food before you take one more step.</p> <p>Flyer: Design a flyer and posters with the information so people can save that date.</p> <p>Tell Friends: Each team member should start getting the word out by telling three friends not on the team.</p>	
3	<p>Posters: Put up posters at the schools and parishes of all the boys on the team (get permissions first). Hand out as many flyers as possible. Send a message to any parents you can this week to get them onboard. Moms are great at promoting to other moms.</p> <p>After: The boys need to plan a follow-up “Guys Night” and or a “Group Date” to invite everyone to after “Save the Date”.</p>	

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4	Organize: Review the schedule of “Save the Date” and ensure each boy has a responsibility and is prepared.	
5	Final Push: Everyone needs to put a final push on promotion this week. Remind everyone that has been invited and look for any untapped sources.	
6	<p>Main Event: this week you hold “Save the Date” with food, followed by a speaker and then socializing. The team needs to arrive 1 hour before to set up and greet guests as they arrive.</p> <p>Follow up plan - Guys Night Out: Plan a date in the near future to have a guys only event to show you can have fun without a girl. Paintball, penny poker tournament, pool tournament, etc. Make it really manly and fun, with just a small Gospel reflection by one of the team members. Either charge or get each guy to pay his way.</p> <p>Optional Clean Date: You could also plan and invite all the people from “Save the Date” to go on a group date that allows boys and girls to socialize. Plan a date to promote before. Ideas: bowling, pizza, good movies, etc. A small Gospel reflection at the end should send everyone off with the right attitude. Go Dutch, so each pays his own way.</p>	

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LOCATION

- The more happening the place is, the better; ideally you could do this in a local pizza place, restaurant or bowling alley. If you need to do this in a church hall or school gym, make it fun with things like disco lighting, music and a Starbucks bar on the side.
- Make sure that the speaker(s) have a podium and amp system so they are easily heard.

PROVISIONS

- Food: get cool food that your friends would be willing to part with their hard-earned money to buy such as six foot sandwiches, specialty coffee drinks, or good pizza. Ordering the \$5 Little Caesar's pizza special takes away this attractive element. For the Guys night out, the best is wings, nachos and Coke with absolutely no vegetables or bread.
- Decorations: for "Save the Date" event and possibly the "Clean Date" you need to decorate a little as girls love this. You could try to get a few sisters of team members to help with this.
- Flyers: create a flashy uniform design between the various promotional materials for the event. Let the boys be creative!

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RESPONSIBILITIES

- **Treasurer:** Someone will have to make a budget and set fees beforehand. He can also collect money and pay for items from the funds keeping good records. Someone must invite speakers to get a good perspective on dating and courtship.
- **Designer:** several team members need to design a set of flyers/posters to promote among their peers at school and elsewhere.
- **Letter writer:** one guy needs to write a letter to parents explaining the event. Try to get it sent home as a school notice or email to peer parents.
- **Greeters:** the coolest boys should greet people at the door to “Save the Date” and seat them at tables with Conquest members at each table to ensure a level of good conversation .
- **MC:** someone needs to give words to begin and end “Save the Date” and introduce the speaker(s).

CONTACTS

- **Food - Proprietor** of a restaurant or catering company: Explain what you are doing and how this promotes positive (ask for discount)– you can also simply opt to do the food yourselves (order pizza, buy snacks, etc.)
- **School Principal(s) and Pastors:** explain how this is not just a fun event but is promoting values that will help his school.
- **Friends and Acquaintances:** Emphasize the fun place, good food and social setting; mention that there is a talk on dating so they do not feel deceived. Get the coolest kids in your school signed up first and leverage that they will be there so others will also sign up.
- **Speaker(s):** Inform them that they will be talking to 9th -12th graders and ensure they’ll talk about chastity, respect for our bodies, and proper courtship. If you can’t find a speaker, a Jason Evert video could work. www.chastityproject.com is a great resource.
- **Parents:** get them to drive their kids or carpool by pointing out how this will help their sons or daughters approach dating /courtship with the right attitude.

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SPECIAL OPS

- Make this the most attractive event by planning good food and fun. Do not be cheap but provide quality as people will pay for it.
- Have separate promotional material for parents and other youth. Tell the parents all about the talk and injecting positive values into dating and courtship. Tell youth how much fun they can have, and how great the event will be.
- Make sure the speaker is not condemning but lifts youth to see their possibilities. A young married couple is ideal for speakers.
- Plan and promote with proper timing, few will come back if you organize a so-so event. Use the opportunity to invite boys to Conquest.
- You need to understand what is meant by group dating: this means a mixed-group of friends go out for fun and to socialize. Guys and girls can talk one on one but avoid breaking off in ways that can lead to temptation.

CONTINGENCY PLAN



- Do “Save the Date” as an all-guys talk. This allows the speaker to be a lot harder hitting for guys and really explain their role in courtship. This will likely have a much lower turnout as having girls, but there is a big draw for guys beyond the obvious fact that half the audience is eliminated by default. It may be hard to do the optional “Clean Date” after a guys only event.
- Have a similar talk on another relevant subject for your friends and classmates.
- Have a different order to the “Clean Date”, the “Guy’s Night Out” and “Save the Date” with a speaker.
- Organize swing dance lessons and a swing dance. Work points about courting properly and respect for the other gender into the lessons. Square dancing, line dancing and two-step could also be taught depending on the social environment where you live.

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