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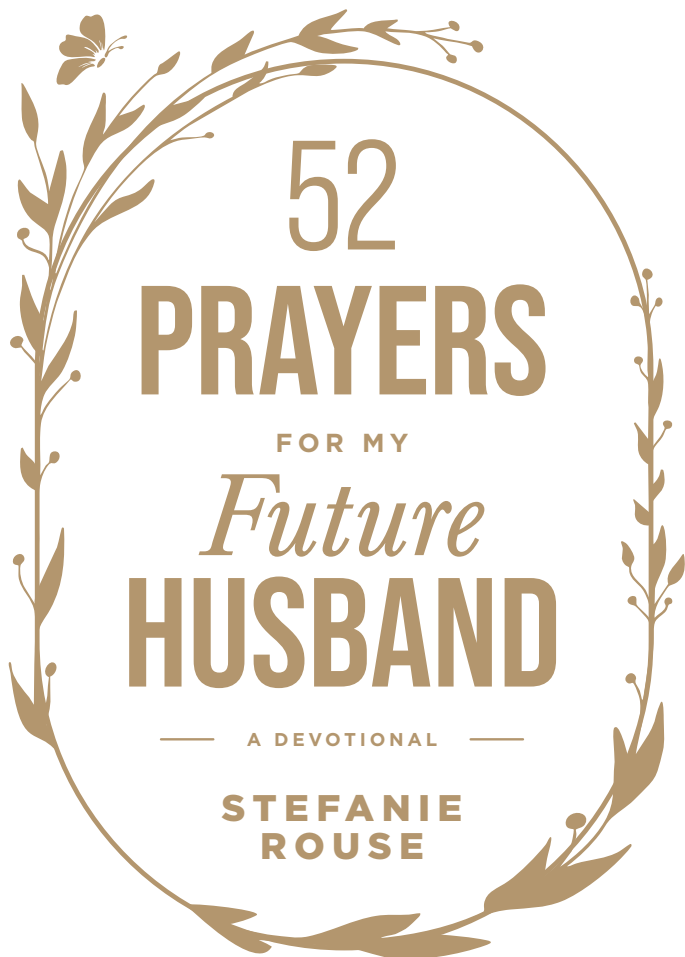
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Introduction

Dear beloved reader,

If you've picked up this book, my guess is you have a longing in your heart. A longing for love. A longing for partnership. A longing to build a marriage that is rooted in faith and reflects the love of Christ.

Maybe you're single, desiring to faithfully pray for the man you haven't met yet. Maybe you're dating and wondering if this is the person God has chosen for you. Maybe you're engaged, preparing for one of the biggest seasons of your life with both excitement and nerves. Or maybe you've walked through heartbreak, divorce, or disappointment, and you wonder if God can redeem your story and still bring you a marriage that honors Him.

Wherever you are on your journey, this book is for you. As women, many of us grow up with a deep hope that one day we will meet and marry the love of our life. Maybe you've dreamed of your wedding day since you were little, picturing the dress, the flowers, and the moment you lock eyes with your future husband. Or maybe you've carried wounds from broken relationships or divorce that make you wonder if real love is still

possible for you. You may be in a season of waiting, wondering when God's plan will unfold, or you may be dating or engaged, wanting to build a foundation for your relationship that is rooted in faith.

No matter where you find yourself on this journey, this devotional is for you. It's a powerful reminder that God sees you, loves you, and is writing a story far greater than you can imagine. My prayer is that these words will guide you not only to pray for your future husband but also to grow into the woman God has called you to be right now.

God Sees You

I want to begin with this truth: God sees you. He sees your tears, your prayers, and your longings. He knows the deepest desires of your heart. And He is not ignoring you. He is working, even when you can't see it. He is writing a beautiful story just for you.

I know what it feels like to wonder if God has forgotten about you. I know the ache of heartbreak, the heaviness of disappointment, and the questions that keep you awake at night: *Will I ever meet him? Am I too late? Did I mess things up?*

There were seasons in my own life when I felt unseen, when I thought love had passed me by. I walked through heartbreaks that left me questioning if marriage was really possible for me. Looking back, I can see God's fingerprints in every season. Even in the pain, He was shaping me. Even in the waiting, He was preparing me. And in His perfect timing, He brought my husband, Caleb, the love of my life and my partner in ministry, into my life.

Had I rushed ahead of God or clung to the wrong relationships, I would have missed His best. But through prayer, surrender, and patience, God gave me not only a husband but also a love story that reflects His goodness and grace.

Why Pray for Your Future Husband?

If you're single, maybe you've asked yourself, *What's the point of praying for someone I haven't even met yet?*

The answer is this: Prayer is not only about changing someone else's circumstances, but it's also about allowing God to transform your own heart. When you pray for your future husband, you're asking God to prepare him and you. You're inviting Him to align your desires with His, to heal the broken places in your heart, and to grow you into the woman He created you to be.

Prayer is not passive. It's powerful. Every time you pray, you're planting seeds into the soil of your future. You may not see the fruit immediately, but trust that God is cultivating something beautiful beneath the surface.

And here's the best part: Prayer draws you closer to Jesus. It reminds you that your ultimate hope isn't in marriage. It's in Christ. A husband can be a blessing, but he cannot complete you. Only Jesus can do that. The more you fall in love with Him, the more ready you will be to love your husband one day with grace, compassion, and strength.

Lastly, prayer is powerful. God hears our prayers. God sees your future husband right now. He knows the pain he's walking through. The trials, the questions he's holding in his heart. It's vital that you intercede for him.

How to Use This Devotional

This book is designed to be your companion as you walk through this season of life, whether your journey lasts a few months or many years. Each devotional is written with one specific focus for prayer and reflection, so you don't have to feel overwhelmed about where to start. Here's what you can expect in each devotion:

- **Scripture**

At the top of the page, you'll find a passage from God's Word that connects to the week's theme. God's Word is alive and powerful. It's what sustains us when doubts creep in or when the waiting feels long. I encourage you to read the Scripture slowly, pray over it, and even commit it to memory. Let it anchor your heart in truth.

- **A Devotion**

You'll then find a short story or reflection, sometimes from my own journey, sometimes from lessons God has taught me, that connects to the topic. These are meant to remind you that you're not alone in your struggles and to encourage you with real-life examples of God's faithfulness.

- **Prayer**

After the reflection, you'll find a prayer written specifically for your future husband and your own heart. You can pray these words as they are or use them as a springboard for your own prayers. Don't worry about getting the

words right; God delights in hearing your heart, whether your prayer is messy, short, or beautifully eloquent.

- **Love in Action**

Prayer isn't meant to stay on the page. That's why each devotional ends with a simple, practical step you can take to live out what you're praying. Sometimes it might be something you do for yourself, like journaling or practicing gratitude. Other times, it might be an action that blesses others, such as encouraging a friend, volunteering, or practicing forgiveness. Think of these steps as small seeds of love you're planting now that will one day bear fruit in your marriage.

- **Encouragement**

Finally, you'll find a short word of encouragement to carry with you into the week. You may want to write it on a sticky note and place it where you'll see it daily, as a reminder of what God is doing in your life.

One way you can use this book is to focus on one devotion per week. That gives you the space to really let the Scripture sink in. You can even memorize the week's Scripture passage if you'd like, pray the same prayer each day for that whole week, and take time to live out the "Love in Action" step. When you linger with one devotional for seven days, you'll start to notice God weaving those truths into your daily rhythms.

The beauty of this book is that it isn't about speed but about letting God meet you right where you are and shape your heart through prayer.

The Heart Behind This Book

Friend, I want you to know that this devotional is not about striving to earn a husband or rushing God's timeline. It's about walking with Him day by day, trusting that His timing is perfect and letting Him shape your heart in the waiting.

Marriage is a beautiful gift, but it's not the ultimate prize. Jesus is. My prayer is that as you work through these pages, you will fall deeper in love with Him. Because when you are secure in His love, you'll be ready to love your husband from a place of wholeness rather than need.

A Blessing for You

As you begin this journey, I want to give you a blessing:

May this devotional be a safe space where you bring your longings, your heartbreaks, and your hopes to God. May each prayer remind you that you are chosen, loved, and seen by Him. May you grow in compassion, patience, and grace, qualities that will bless not only your marriage one day but also every relationship in your life.

And may you trust, with all your heart, that God's timing is perfect. He knows how to bring the right man into your life at the right time, and He knows how to prepare you to be the kind of wife who reflects His love.

A Prayer for You

Heavenly Father, I lift up this beloved daughter of Yours who is holding this book in her hands right now. Thank You that You see her fully—every hope, every tear, every question, every dream. You know the longings of her heart for marriage, and You care deeply about them.

Lord, I pray that as she walks through these pages, she would encounter Your presence in a fresh and powerful way. Remind her that she is chosen, treasured, and deeply loved by You. Where there has been heartbreak in her life, bring healing. Where there has been disappointment, bring fresh hope. Where there has been fear or doubt, replace it with trust in Your perfect timing.

Prepare her heart to love like You love. Grow in her compassion, patience, and strength. Shape her into the woman You have created her to be so that one day she may be a blessing to her future husband and a reflection of Christ in their marriage.

But more than anything, Lord, I ask that she would fall more in love with You through this journey. Let her find her security, joy, and identity in You alone. May her waiting not feel wasted but instead be a season of deep growth and intimacy with You.

Bless her future marriage, her future husband, and the love story You are writing. And bless her today, right where she is, as You are at work in her life in ways she cannot yet see. In Jesus' name, amen.

Your waiting is not wasted. Your prayers are not wasted.
And your story is not over.

With much love and many blessings,

Stefanie Rouse
Christian relationship mentor

GOD'S PLANS ARE BETTER THAN MINE

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.

EPHESIANS 3:20

It was late and dark, and I was running along the golf course at Penn State University just hours after my engagement had ended. My heart was pounding hard, more from grief than from the distance I had run. I stumbled into an open bathroom, taking a seat on the cold bench, and stared at myself in the mirror as tears streamed down my face.

Just months before, my fiancé had slipped a ring on my finger and asked me to marry him. But now here I was—broken—asking God, *How could this be over? Isn't this the man You had planned for me?* I had been sure of it. While we were dating, I had fumbled through old journals to find the wish list I had for my future husband. He had seemed to check all the boxes. But now God was showing me something I couldn't see before. My list wasn't His list. Trivial things like his last name starting with *S* or his family living five minutes from mine weren't what really mattered. God was whispering to me in the midst of my confusion, "Your dreams are too small, but Mine are not."

I couldn't see my husband, Caleb, on the other side of my heartbreak just yet. I couldn't see the bigger story God was still

writing. But that night on the golf course, God began loosening my grip on my plans so I could take hold of His.

Maybe you've been holding tightly to your own list or timeline. What if those dreams are too small? What if surrendering them to God is the very thing that will open your hands to His infinitely more?



Dear heavenly Father, thank You for being a God whose plans are always better than mine. You see every dream I've had for my future marriage, every list I've made, and every prayer I've whispered. Today I lay those dreams before You, trusting that You know what is best.

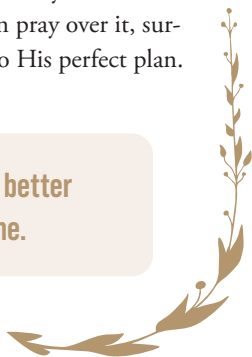
I lift up my future husband to You. Wherever he is right now, I ask that You give him clarity and peace about his own future. Protect him from chasing after things that won't last, and guard his heart from discouragement. Remind him that You are writing his story, too, and that Your timing is always perfect. Lord, grow him into a man who loves You more than anything else. Surround him with godly friends and mentors who will sharpen him. Shape his character so that he becomes a man of integrity, faith, and courage. Teach him to pray bold prayers, to walk in obedience, and to trust Your voice above all others.

Keep my heart from settling as well, Lord. Teach me to rest in You and to hope in Your promises. Thank You that You are weaving together a love story for me that reflects Your goodness. I trust that Your plans for my marriage are far better than anything I could imagine. In Jesus' name, amen.

Love in Action . . .

Take five minutes to write down one dream about your future marriage that you've been holding on to. Then pray over it, surrender it to God, and ask Him to shape it into His perfect plan.

**God's plans for my marriage are better
than anything I could imagine.**



GRACE IN OUR WEAKNESS

*My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness.*

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9, NIV

I felt like everything was unraveling after my engagement ended. Friends had bought bridesmaid dresses they couldn't use, deposits were lost, and I was ashamed of letting so many people down. On top of it all, my senior year at Penn State was the hardest of my life. I had always been a diligent student, never missing class and always staying on top of my assignments. But in that season, I could barely keep track of what I had turned in. One day, I went up to a professor, apologizing for a late paper. I stumbled over my words, embarrassed that I wasn't the reliable student she was used to seeing.

I had been taught compassion throughout my life, but in that moment, I experienced grace and compassion from my professor like never before. Her grace for my weakness enlarged my heart. It opened my eyes to see that everyone is carrying battles whether they are visible or not. It helped me look for the best in people instead of assuming the worst. That hard season taught me more about grace—how I can receive it from God and how I can extend it to others as well.

Friend, sometimes our weakness becomes the very place where we realize how much we need God. It's not the end of us.

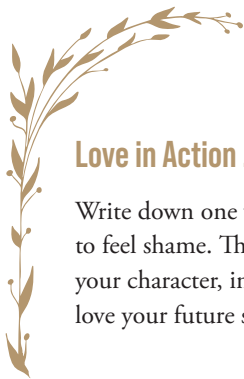
It's the beginning of seeing His strength in a whole new way. Whatever heartache you've walked through, let it not define you but refine you. Jesus wants to walk with you in it and help you find your way forward.



Lord, thank You that Your grace is enough for us in every season. Thank You for the ways You've met me with compassion and for the people who have extended grace when I needed it most. I pray for my future husband, that he would know the power of Your grace in his own struggles and learn to walk in freedom instead of shame. I pray that he wouldn't view weakness the way the world does. Instead, let him see it as a way to trust You even more. Let all his pain and heartache push him to his knees and toward Your throne.

And Lord, teach me to be a wife who will extend grace to him generously, not holding his weaknesses against him but building him up in love. Help me see my weakness as a way to rely on You even more.

I pray over our future marriage, that it would be a place marked by compassion, where Your grace flows freely between us and draws us closer to You. In Jesus' name, amen.



Love in Action . . .

Write down one weakness or shortcoming that has caused you to feel shame. Then ask God to use that very place to refine your character, increase your compassion, and prepare you to love your future spouse with grace.

**My weakness doesn't define me.
It refines me into someone ready
to love with greater grace.**

TRUSTING GOD EVEN WHEN YOU FEEL FORGOTTEN

What is the price of five sparrows—two copper coins? Yet God does not forget a single one of them. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.

LUKE 12:6-7

Where would I live? That was the question echoing in my heart after my engagement ended. Just months before, my life had been mapped out in my mind. I'd graduate from Penn State, move into my fiancé's condo, and work for the ministry he led. But now? Everything had vanished in an instant.

I remember walking across campus, feeling invisible, forgotten, and directionless. The enemy whispered, "See? No one is choosing you. Not even God." I cried out, "Lord, do You see me? Do You even care where I go from here?"

Then God surprised me with His kindness. I went on a mission trip with a new ministry and met the sweetest Christian woman, who welcomed me like family. She introduced me to another girl my age who just so happened to need a roommate. That opened the door to a house full of Christian women in ministry and a community that carried me and reminded me that God always sees me. Even when I felt forgotten, He was writing a better plan.

Dear one, whatever part of your story feels lost or overlooked, hold on to this: The God who carved your name into His nail-scarred hands has not forgotten you. He never will. In

the unknown and uncertain times in life, He is the God who invites you to know Him. He is writing a story for your life that is better than you could imagine.



***Dear heavenly Father,** thank You for being the God who never forgets. Thank You, Jesus, for carrying the cross, taking my sins, and engraving my name on Your hands. When I feel unseen, help me to picture Your nail-scarred hands holding mine.*

I pray over my future husband today. Remind him that he is not forgotten, not overlooked, not left behind. Protect him from lies of rejection and surround him with Your presence when he feels alone.

Show us both that You are making a way even in the wilderness, that You turn broken pieces into a masterpiece. Strengthen our trust in You as we wait for Your timing. In Jesus' mighty name, amen.

Love in Action . . .

Write Isaiah 49:16, “See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands” (NIV), on a sticky note or in your journal. Whenever you feel overlooked, read it aloud and remind yourself that God has never forgotten you.

**Even when I feel unseen,
God never forgets me.**



WAITING WITHOUT
WASTING THE SEASON

Let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

GALATIANS 6:9

There was a season when I had to face an uncomfortable truth: I wasn't as ready for marriage as I had once thought. I had been dumped by my fiancé three months before our wedding, and my newly single self was not thriving in the love department. I didn't know how to communicate my feelings in a way that built connection. I didn't know how to set boundaries. And deep down, I realized I was addicted to the approval of men.

This showed up in messy ways—saying yes to dates I knew were not God's best and constantly feeling like I had to earn love from others. Every setback or breakup left me not only more heartbroken but also questioning my worth. Maybe you've felt it, too, that ache of wondering if you'll ever “get it right.”

But God is so kind. He didn't leave me in that desolate place. Instead of letting me continue in the same unhealthy patterns, He invited me to grow. For me, that meant counseling, inner-healing prayer, and mentors who spoke truth into my blind spots. It wasn't easy; growth never is. But slowly, the pieces of my heart started to come back together. I wasn't just waiting anymore; I was being prepared.

Looking back, I can see that what felt like wasted years was actually time God used to make me whole. God used the waiting season to teach me how to be healthy, how to find my worth in Him, and how to love in a way that lasts.

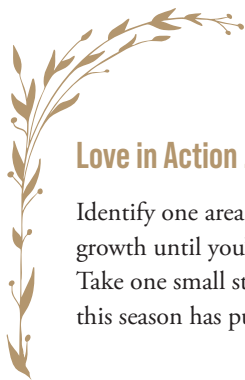
Maybe you feel like you're in that season now, wondering if you'll ever get where you want to be. Friend, take heart. The waiting isn't wasted when you let God use it to prepare you. This is not just the in-between. This is training ground.



Dear God, thank You that You never leave us stuck. You always invite us to grow. I lift up my future husband to You today. Keep shaping him into the man You've called him to be. Give him courage to face the areas where he feels weak or unprepared and surround him with people who push him closer to You. Let him choose growth, healing, and wholeness, even in the waiting.

You know the places I still need Your refining, Lord. Help me not to run from the hard work of growth but to press into it. When I feel tempted to compare or to coast, remind me that this season is a gift, a time where You're strengthening me to be the woman my future husband will one day need.

I pray for our future marriage. May it be built on two people who have said yes to growing in You first. Teach us to keep learning, keep listening, and keep becoming more like Jesus together. Let our story show the world that waiting on You is worth it. In Jesus' name, amen.



Love in Action . . .

Identify one area of your life where you've been putting off growth until you're married (finances, health, spiritual habits). Take one small step today to invest in that area, trusting that this season has purpose.

**This waiting season isn't wasted; it's
a time of growth and preparation.**

LEARNING PATIENCE IN THE UNKNOWN

*If we look forward to something we don't yet have,
we must wait patiently and confidently.*

ROMANS 8:25

Everything I thought my future would be was shattered in an instant when my engagement ended. Now, just over one year later, God had led me across the country to California, far from home, far from family, and more alone than I'd ever felt.

I can still picture myself unpacking boxes in that tiny studio apartment, eating a simple dinner of lentils and cucumbers, the hum of the refrigerator echoing in the silence. At first, all I noticed was the emptiness: the chair beside me, the blank walls, the ache of wondering if God had forgotten my story.

But slowly, He began teaching me to shift my focus. Instead of staring at what was blank and missing in my life, I turned toward Him. I started covering my walls with pictures, Bible verses, and reminders of God's promises. It wasn't just decorating; it was choosing to believe His Word over the lies of loneliness. Each verse taped to the wall became a seed of patience and hope.

I still wrestled with questions: *Did I miss something? Am I going to be alone forever?* But in those quiet nights alone, God was shaping something deep within me. Patience. I learned that patience isn't passive. It's trusting that even when I can't see the next chapter, He is still writing it.

Looking back now, I see that what felt like emptiness was actually holy ground. In the very place I felt forgotten, God was planting roots of faith and patience in me that would one day sustain me in marriage.



***Dear heavenly Father,** thank You for being a God who sees me even when I feel forgotten. You know the places where waiting feels hard and lonely. I lift up my future husband to You right now. If he's weary in the waiting, would You renew his hope and remind him that You are still writing his story? Encourage him where he feels weak and surround him with Your presence. Help him wait on You and not give in to the enemy's lies.*

Do the same for me, Lord. Guard me from filling the ache of waiting with distractions and instead draw me closer to You. Build in me the kind of patience that grows strong faith, so that when You bring my future husband and me together, our marriage will be rooted in trusting You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Love in Action . . .

Next time you feel anxious about the unknowns of your love story, pause and take three deep breaths. Speak this truth out loud: “God is still writing my story, and I choose to rest in His timing.”

**Patience grows when I trust
the Author of my story.**

