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Overcoming Fear of Trust

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“Kyle wants us to get married . . . or at least live together,” Jenny told Mike. “Like he says, we’ve been together for

“I don’t hear you confused at all about where you stand on the subject of marriage,” Mike said. “You want what you have just described. But does Zukav make any distinction between married partners and spiritual partners?”

“Well, he says it’s possible for married partners to also be spiritual partners,” Jenny explained, “but he indicates that it’s special when that happens. Generally, he describes married partners as couples intending to have children and to merge their finances so as to build a home and life together. Spiritual pa

surrounded by a circle of close friends. That is what I've experienced in my life. Men leave and friends are forever."

"You know that isn't healthy for you."

"I know. I know. That's what I need to work through if I'm ever to succeed in a long-term relationship. But maybe God doesn't intend that for me. Maybe I'm more likely to find the kind of trust and spiritual partnering I want with a circle of friends. That's the part about me that worries Kyle the most."

"Ideally, you should have both—a close bond with one special man *and* a close circle of friends all on the same journey. But I think you know, Jenny, that if God decided that