

# FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: Making Hard Decisions in the Matching Process

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Hello family. *MatchNet Podcast* episode. 24+ virtual retreat. Blessing Level 3 workshop. In-person 24+ interest form. Prepare Enrich program for couples. Begin anew today. Local Sunday Service livestreams.

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## Making Hard Decisions in the Matching Process



If you're facing a hard decision, this episode is for you. Yun-A & Benjy share practical steps you can take to make difficult decisions in your matching process and in life.

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## events

### 24+ Virtual Retreat



**This 24+ Connect virtual retreat will be our first 21–39 retreat!**

Join together with singles from across the US and around the world March 31 – April 2. The event is open to all single Second Generation and Jacob's Child Unificationists between the ages of 21 and 39, as well as First Generation Unificationists of the same age on a case-by-case basis (dependent on Matching Supporter referral).

The retreat will be held on Zoom. Everyone will participate in the main parts of the program together. When it comes to discussion groups and one-on-ones, the group will be divided in two, meeting only with those in the same age bracket.

Spots are first come first serve: 48 spots for ages 21–26 and 48 spots for ages 24–39. Both groups will be 50/50 men and women.

Thanks to the generous support from the North American subregions, the cost of the retreat is once again \$50.

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## Blessing Level 3 Workshop



This Live Zoom Level 3 Workshop will be held Saturday, February 18 and Sunday, February 19, 2023. **Every US and Canadian candidate must register.**

[register here](#)

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*what's new?*

## Would You Go Fishing in Alaska With Other Singles?



At the last in-person 24+ Connect Retreat in Florida, we did a poll for suggestions on where our next in-person retreat should be, and 42% voted for a week of fishing in Kodiak, Alaska. Sooooo...we're looking at making it happen!

The first step is to gauge YOUR interest! Would you attend this August a week-long retreat full of fishing, hiking, and exploring the beauty of Kodiak with other singles?

If that sounds exciting, please fill out the interest form by Feb 18 so we can hopefully start planning! (Share with someone you think might love to come!)

[fill out interest form](#)

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## Prepare Enrich with Myrna Lapres



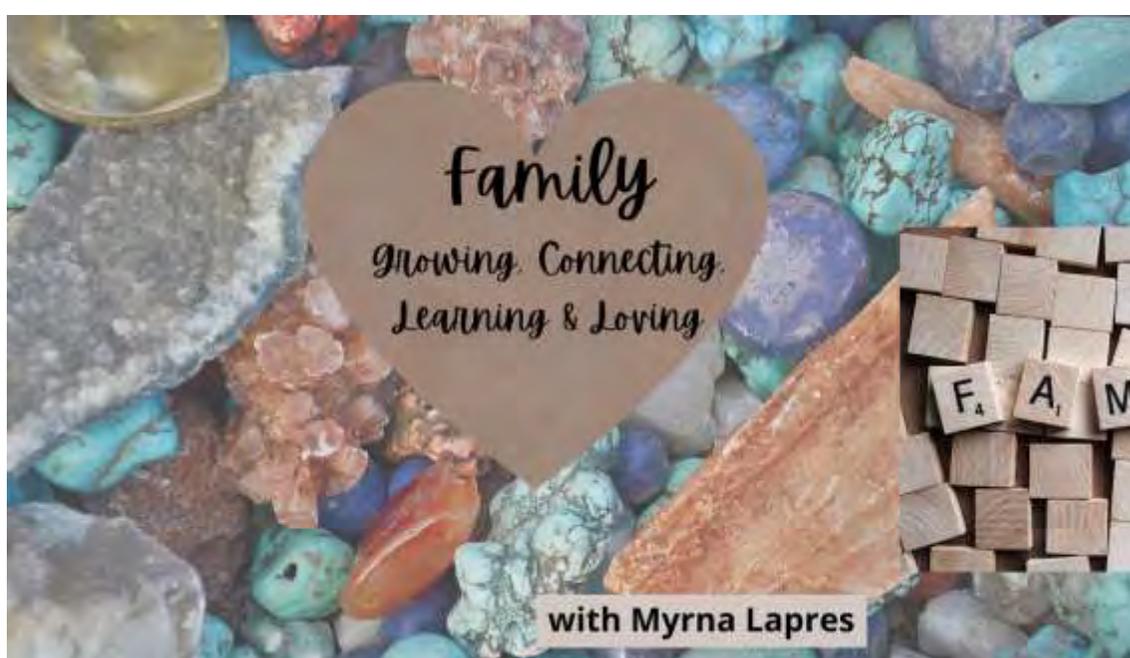
## Relationships Thrive When There Is Understanding

Prepare Enrich adapts to the changing reality of relationships through continued research and development of assessment versions and resources. As a trained facilitator of Prepare Enrich and a certified coach, Myrna Lapres can help strengthen and enrich your relationships whether you are planning for your wedding, you are newlyweds or newly Blessed, or you've been married a number of years and you want to refresh your connection.

[learn more](#)

## *food for thought*

## Begin Anew Today



A musician was approached by a fifty-year old man, asking him if he could teach him to play the trombone. The musician replied, "Sure." Then the man asked, "How long will it take?" and the musician replied that he could teach almost anyone to play in five years' time. Startled, the man replied that he would be fifty-five years old by then. The musician replied, "Yes, you will. And how old will you be in five years if you don't learn how to play the trombone?"

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# Kodiak, Alaska Bucket List Retreat

## August 2023 Interest Survey

[SURVEY LINK](#)



## It all started when...

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## Here are the basics:

1. **Date:** beginning of August 2023
2. **Length:** thinking 8 days/7 nights, ie. a Wednesday to a Wednesday
3. **Cost:** Around \$2200 for the program, flights are on average between \$800-1200 round trip

4. **Venue:** North Garden (TP home in Kodiak) and the Kodiak Family Church

5. **Accommodations:** Hotel style rooms (25 beds total; private bath, 4-5 single beds per room), floor mattress accommodations (15 beds total; shared bathroom). Will be offered at different price points.

6. **Participant numbers:** 30 to 40 participants, 50/50 ladies and gents

7. **Program format:** Start the morning together with some food for thought, full day outside/activity, evening programs including testimonials from staff, activities to connect participants

8. **Activities:**

- *Ocean Fishing:* A full day on a charter boat fishing for salmon, halibut, rock fish, ling cod.
- *River Fishing:* Fish at the mouth of several rivers for Silver salmon.
- *Hiking:* Hike up to 2500ft elevation gain mountains in around 2 hours, or easier shorter trails through the wilderness of Kodiak. Breathtaking 360 views. There are also numerous trails along craggy beaches and moss covered spruce forests.
- *Kayaking/beach:* Local beaches are awesome for kayaking. Local parks have lakes to kayak in, volleyball, bonfires.

## Deadline to respond: Feb 18, 2023

*\* We need a minimum of 20 people with a commitment of 75% or 100% in order to go ahead with planning the retreat.\**

## Interest Survey

To help us gauge interest in the program, we've put together a simple survey! If the idea of coming is even remotely intriguing, we invite you to fill it out :)

[SURVEY LINK!](#)





# 24+ Virtual Retreat

## SAVE THE DATE! March 31 - April 2

VIRTUAL RETREAT INFO

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# Kodiak, AK 24+ BUCKETLIST Interest Survey

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*More photos of Kodiak and the experience up here can be found at: [www.facebook.com/KodiakOceanTribe/photos](https://www.facebook.com/KodiakOceanTribe/photos)*



\* Required

## Ocean Fishing on a Charter Boat



Moderate Hike up Old Women's



River Fishing



Ocean Fishing on a Good Go



First Name \*

Your answer

Last Name \*

Your answer

Email \*

Your answer

Phone Number \*

Your answer

What would your ideal week look like? \*

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	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days	6 Days
Ocean Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>					
River Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Kayaking/Beach	<input type="checkbox"/>					

The cost of the retreat would be around \$2200 + airfare (\$800-1200 average). \*  
Though its a higher than usual price point for 24+, it's a steal of a deal for a 1-week trip to Kodiak. Please select which applies:

- I'm in! Totally worth it!
- I'd have to pull some strings to make it work financially, but I want to make it happen!
- I'm interested but the price point is the main deterrent

If registration opens in March, what is the likelihood you would register? \*

We need a minimum of 20 people with a commitment of 75% or 100% in order to go ahead with planning the retreat.

- 100%
- 75%
- 50%
- 25%
- 0%

Birthdate \*

Date

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