

"SEX According to God"

Part 2: Dating & Relationships

Justin & Summer Worden – October 10, 2007

Tupos SM - Wednesday Night Live

High School Group Session



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- (v.16)
- "Difficult" days in school (different pressures, different world)
- What do you need to be? = be wise!

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The three main definers of dating you'll hear from or are already hearing from

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Key verse, emphasis this!

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