



Planning a Date out with Your Lord

Ecclesiastes 9:9

Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity...

In marriage, living joyfully is a two-way street. As the wife of a busy prophet, we must learn how to be flexible and most importantly, plan ahead. I have gone to several Paint and Sip events over the years and every time I come back refreshed with stories to tell and a new painting, my lord would sarcastically say “Why didn’t I get an invite?!” As I pondered figuring out something nice to do with and for my handsome hard-working husband, this memory came to mind. Would he really want to go? Would he have fun? Yes, I think so!!!!

The first step was to make sure to plan well in advance. I asked my lord if he had any travel plans or events coming up the next month. He said no and that was all I needed to hear. I called the local painting studio to see what their schedule was like and chose a date 6 weeks in advance. Next, I checked to see what their cancellation restrictions were, because anything is possible and submitted my deposit. Then I sent the love of my life a google calendar invite for the date and time frame. Trying to have an air of mystery and surprise, I kept things somewhat vague and let him know that I was going to spend the day with him ALONE (no kids) while catering to him. In essence, he could order the large meal with extra cheese!

In the weeks leading up to our date, I would remind him. While watching television, eating dinner, random text messages – remember I have you all to myself on Sunday at 2pm until..... throwing in a wink or a soft nudge from time to time. Don’t overdo it ladies! We don’t want to nag! We just want them to remember.

When it was finally time to go, I put on something cute yet comfy and packed our bag. The establishment provides everything except what you will sip on, so I got our cocktails ready – ice, premade mixed drinks, and two nice glasses. I drove us to our destination and when we pulled up, all my lord could do was laugh! I knew then that it was going to be a blast! We enjoyed ourselves and created two masterpieces then had dinner at the restaurant of his choice.

Sisters, we may not always be able to spend as much time with our busy husbands as we would like but we must put forth the effort. Get in where you fit in! Understand that plans don’t always work out the way that you would like and be content with what you do get. I knew from the time that I booked the appointment that it might have gotten cancelled at the last minute as that is life with a prophet. If it had to be cancelled, then so be it. I would not have gotten upset, disappointed for a moment, yes, but not upset. Quality time can come in various forms – if he likes documentaries, then so should you. If he likes



to go hiking, then so should you. If he wants to sit in silence and have you there beside him, then learn to sit and enjoy the silence. If he makes a quick joke that he would like an invite to a paint and sip, then take him to go paint and sip!