

### WHO WE DATE CAN MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE REST OF OUR LIVES...

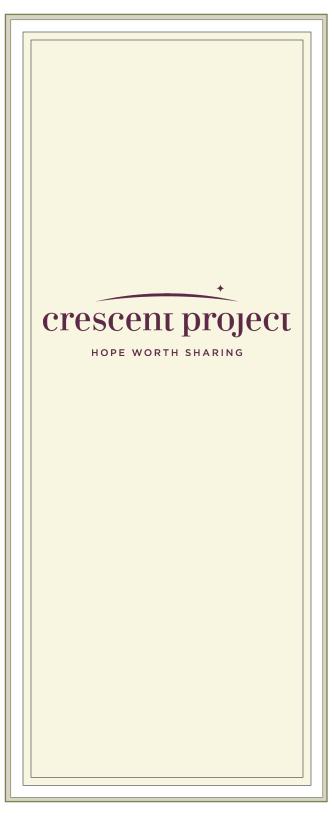
#### **CHOOSE WISELY**

Differences in faith may not seem important when you are dating, but who you date today affects your future.

If you choose to date men of other religious faiths or if faith is not that important to you, it is still wise to understand how different faiths view women, dating, marriage, divorce and other issues.

Just because you fall in love does not mean that the relationship is right and will last. Emotions come and go; lives can be ruined by acting on emotion without making informed decisions.

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### DATING A MUSLIM



UNDERSTANDING
HIS RELIGION &
CULTURE





"BUT I LOVE HIM" ARE WORDS SPOKEN TOO MANY TIMES AS A JUSTIFICATION FOR MORE LIFE-ALTERING DECISIONS. WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

"AND KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE." - JOHN 8:32

### **UNDERSTAND ISLAM...**

### NOT JUST WHAT HE TELLS YOU ABOUT ISLAM

HE MAY NOT BE PRACTICING NOW BUT THAT CAN CHANGE. HERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER

### Islam on Men dominant over Women:

- "Men are in charge of women, because Allah hath made the one of them excel the other" Surah 4:34
- "Men are a degree above women" Surah 2:228 "Women are an affliction to men" Hadith Sahih Al Bukhari 7:33
- •"I have not seen anyone more deficient in intelligence and religion than women." Hadith Al Bukhary vol. 2:541

## Islam on Domestic Violence:

# • "As to those women on whose part you see ill conduct, admonish them first, refuse to share their beds; and beat them..." - Surah 4:34

### Islamic view of Marriage:

- Muslim men are permitted up to 4 wives:
- •"...you may marry two or three or four women whom you choose. But if you apprehend that you might not be able to do justice to then, then marry only one wife, or marry those who have fallen in your possession." Surah 65:1-4

### Islamic Stipulations Allowing Husbands to Divorce:

- The wife is unable to bear male children Diminished physical beauty or age Poor housekeeping Conversion to another religion Some say allowable for no reason at all
- Requirement for final divorce: Husband proclaims 3 times "I divorce you"

#### Islamic Stipulations Allowing wives to Divorce:

- Permitted according to Surah 2:229 for the following reasons only
- Impotence of husband Insanity