

**FFWPU USA Blessing and Family Ministry: Exciting Events Are Coming Your Way**

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# Blessing & Family Ministry Newsletter

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Hello family. Matching Networking meeting. MatchNet Episode. 24+ In-person retreat. Maine Ocean Challenge. Deeper Connection podcast. Fight Right. Sunday service livestreams.

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## *what's new?*

### Next Matching Networking Meeting on August 7

Mark your calendars! The next Matching Network meeting is happening on Thursday, August 7. Please note that to be presented, you must be registered, and to receive the profile link, you need to have registered a candidate. The links will go out August 1.



**BLESSING MINISTRY**  
FAMILY FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE AND UNIFICATION USA

**NATIONAL WEEKLY WEBINAR**

# MATCHING NETWORK MEETING

**HOSTED BY NATIONAL BFM TEAM**

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**| AUGUST 7 | 8:30 PM EST**



**SUBMIT**

**PROFILE**

**TO PARTICIPATE!**



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# MatchNet Ep. 124: What if I don't fully believe in the Blessing

Not 100% sure you're ready for the Blessing? In this episode, Cathy & Benjy talk about how much faith and understanding you really need before saying yes—and why perfection isn't the goal.

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## *events*

### 24+ In-Person Retreat Registration is OPEN!

This year's 24+ in-person retreat is being held **September 18-21** at the YMCA Trout Lodge nestled in the heart of Missouri's scenic Ozark. With lake views, cozy lodging, and endless outdoor activities, it's the perfect setting for reflection, growth, and unforgettable moments with new friends. The retreat is open to singles 24-39 years old. Learn more and register below!



[register here](#)

## Maine Ocean Challenge

Join the *Couples Ocean Retreat* in beautiful Bates Island, Maine from August 3–10!  
Designed for young blessed couples, this week-long adventure blends faith, love, and nature through fishing, hiking, swimming, campfires, and more. Discover each other and God's heart—together at sea. \$1000 per couple.





**MAINE OCEAN CHALLENGE**

*Couples Ocean Retreat*

Together at sea: Discovering each other and God's Heart

**WHO:**  
YOUNG BLESSED COUPLES

**WHEN:**  
8/3 (SUN) - 8/10 (SUN)

**LOCATION:**  
BATES ISLAND, MAINE

\$1000 PER COUPLE (\$500/PERSON)

Find out what awaits your future as a family under God through experience on the ocean and in nature.

Fishing, camping, camp fires, cookout, hiking, swimming, sightseeing, and others!

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## *food for thought*

### A Deeper Connection Podcast Ep. 11 with Yun-A Johnson

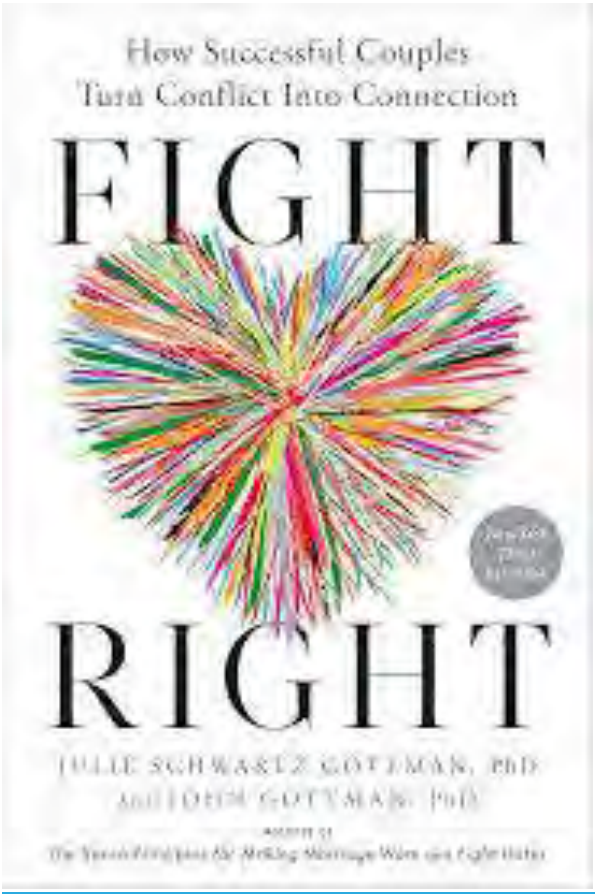
Yun-A Johnson is currently living in Colorado with her family where she is busy raising her three sons, managing her business "Your Aesthetic Style", and has started a parenting support ministry. She has led a young couple's support ministry in Norway, served as part of the Blessing and Family Department team in Europe and

led the Blessing and Family Ministry in North America from 2020-2023. Join us as she shares how she worked through the pain, resentment, and feeling like a victim from the divorce of her parents to find forgiveness, joy, and love. She says she discovered that "True Love has the power to dissolve all barriers." Yun-A shares tools and resources that have supported her in this journey and how her experiences have impacted her own parenting.

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## Fight Right



by Myrna Lapres

Drs. John and Julie Gottman have been studying the science of love for over fifty years, and they have uncovered the science of helping people "Fight Right." In their most recent book, "Fight Right--How Successful Couples Turn Conflict Into Communication", they state that conflict is a human constant and that there are two basic types of fights that couples have: solvable ones that have some kind of solution and perpetual ones that are over issues that don't go away because they tap into some of the deeper differences between the couple--personalities, priorities, values, and beliefs. The good news is that the ultimate goal of conflict is to create something better for yourself, your partner, and for the world. Conflict doesn't have to break us apart. Conflict and peace aren't mutually exclusive; we can arrive at peace through

conflict by combining kindness and gentleness with fighting. We can grow closer because of conflict but we need to understand more about the heart of our conflicts and learn to ***Fight Right.***

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