I concur with members here, there is no one answer to Mathew’s question where he us to find which among the three; 1. bride price, 2. arranged marriage and 3. emotional based marriage (fren fren fastaem) is good.

To me all are just the path to the same destination – marriage.

To go from Buala to Honiara, there can be 3 ways. 1. On an Aeroplane (Solair). 2. On UTA or any IDC Vessels 3. On an Outboard Motor.

I think if we are to talk about this topic, we should focus more on the marriage itself. In the example above the destination – Honiara. Once in Honiara, will you able to look after yourself, will you be able to find a job? Were you prepared enough to be able to sustain yourself or are you just going to be a burden to your relatives in town? Are you planning to stay long in Honiara? Now that you are in Honiara will you make sure everyone after you will not find

So again, there is no right or wrong way. At the end of the day you will get married. The marriage is the actual journey. Whoever you end up, the amount of commitment you decide to put into making the marriage work is up to you. Marriage is work. Marriage is Holy. Marriage can be fun. No man was meant to be alone in this world.

**Genesis 2:18 – ESV (English Standard Version)**

18. Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

God commanded us through marriage not only to have children but to be stewards of this earth. To be responsible for our natural resources on earth, the sea and the air.

**(Genesis 1:27-28)**

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.' "

But Yes God wanted us to find a partner either through arrange marriage, fren fren or bride price and become one with our partner. **ONE FLESH**.

**Genesis 2:24 - ESV**

24. Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

To make decisions easier to make and doubts clarified, I think in all things in life we should always look to the Lord our Creator for guidance. The only way is to consult the Holy Book. God’s own words through man’s hands.

**Proverbs 3:5-7 – ESV**

5. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil.

And we continue to pray without failing, He said through Paul’s letters that we should pray without **ceasing.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:17-22 - ESV**

17. pray without ceasing, 18. give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19. Do not quench the Spirit. 20. Do not despise prophecies, 21. but test everything; hold fast what is good. 22. Abstain from every form of evil.

All that being the Bible also teaches us to honor our parents so in all we do we should also listen to our parents.

**Exodus 20:12 - ESV**

12. "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

So whether it be your own choice or you want to just buy a girl because you are now rich with money, you should not only seek God’s Words but also your parents.

**And respect marriage at all times;**

**Hebrews 13:4 - ESV**

4. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

I will also throw in as a reminder to all married; the bible said for wives to submit to your husband and husbands to love your wives. LOVE YOUR WIFE because you are married to her.

**Ephesians 5:22-33 - ESV**

22. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. 25. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26. that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27. so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30. because we are members of his body. 31. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32. This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.