

Israel Houghton Says He Did Not Cheat on His Wife With New Girlfriend Adrienne Bailon

Israel Houghton of New Breed announced his relationship with entertainer Adrienne Bailon through a recent Facebook post. But his declaration came on the heels of gossip attacking his new girlfriend with commenters claiming Houghton cheated on his wife with Bailon.

“In the midst of all that’s going on in the world... Suffering, terrorism, deciding a future for our country, and making the world safer; It is sad that I am even having to address this matter... I understand that gossip and salacious untrue speculative stories are far more interesting and entertaining than the truth & facts. But, it’s incredibly unfair to allow someone to carry the burden, blame & shame of something they had nothing to do with...” Houghton posted.

“I met Adrienne Bailon a bit over 2 years ago, we worked together & became friends... Our circles connected & we remained good friends. From a friendship, as two single adults we have very recently begun to explore a dating relationship,” he wrote.

READ: Israel Houghton Announces Divorce, Says He ‘Failed and Sinned’ In His Marriage

Bailon is a singer-songwriter, actress, dancer and television personality from New York City’s lower eastside, according to her website. Her first claim to fame was the successful award-winning hip-hop, soul and R&B girl group 3LW before joining The Cheetah Girls.

Bailon now co-hosts *The Real* with Jeannie Mai, Tamar Braxton, Loni Love and Tamera Mowry-Housely.

Bailon appeared in the Houghton-produced film *I'm In Love With a Church Girl*.

Houghton vehemently denies cheating on his wife with Bailon.

"Where I shared, or as some have pointed out 'over-shared' my failure in my marriage... From over 5 years prior. It seems to be simple math that I had not even yet met Adrienne during the time my marriage was falling apart," Houghton said.

"It deeply saddens me that an innocent party would be dragged into this situation that I have taken personal responsibility for. Adrienne is a woman of integrity & character... Most of all she is a true friend, and she should not be blamed for my past indiscretions. I assure you – I am willing to own my wrongs and I have in the past. God knows & sees all things. I appreciate your prayers, and I join you in praying for the issues of life that truly matter today all over the world."