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“Bring me a little water in a vessel that I may drink...and bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.”

(1 Kings 17:10-11)

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*“She said, ‘As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug.’”
(1 Kings 17:12)*

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“And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” (1 Kings 17:12)

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“Elijah said to her, ‘Do not fear. Go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son.’” (1 Kings 17:13)

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“For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” (1 Kings 17:14)

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*“She went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.”
(1 Kings 17:15-16)*

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*“The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. The life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother.”
(1 Kings 17:23)*

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*“When the Lord saw [the widow], he had compassion on her and said, ‘Do not weep.’”
(Luke 7:13)*

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*“[Jesus] said, ‘Young man, I say to you, arise.’
And the dead man sat up and began to speak...”
(Luke 7:14-15)*

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“...and Jesus gave him to his mother.” (Luke 7:14-15)

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“[God said], ‘It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helper fit for him.’”

(Genesis 2:18)

“A man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

(Genesis 2:24)

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Where Do I Fit?

“Singleness is not ‘cured’ by marriage. A single person cannot and will not have all of his or her needs and longings met by a mate. Wholeness, contentment and value must be based on their position and worth in Christ.”

— Dr. Henry Cloud

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Where Do I Fit?

“The hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me.” (John 16:32)

“If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” (John 14:23)

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Where Do I Fit?

“For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress. I shall not be shaken.” (Psalm 62:5-6)

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“Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home.” (Psalm 68:5-6)

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Where Do I Fit?

“Our lives hold meaning because God loves us and because we are his. Our lives do not depend upon someone else loving us, respecting us, noticing us or pledging their eternal devotion to us.”

— William Backus

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Singleness Is an Important Picture of God's Future Kingdom

“[Jesus said], ‘*In the resurrection, [people] neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven.*’” (Matthew 22:30)

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“We need to realize that the nuclear family is temporary, while the church—the family of God—is eternal.”

—— Christopher Yuan

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*“Ruth said, ‘Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.’”
(Ruth 1:16)*

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**Singles are able to love and receive love
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“The local church, as an expression of the family of God, fulfills the mandate of not being alone.”

—— Elizabeth Woodson

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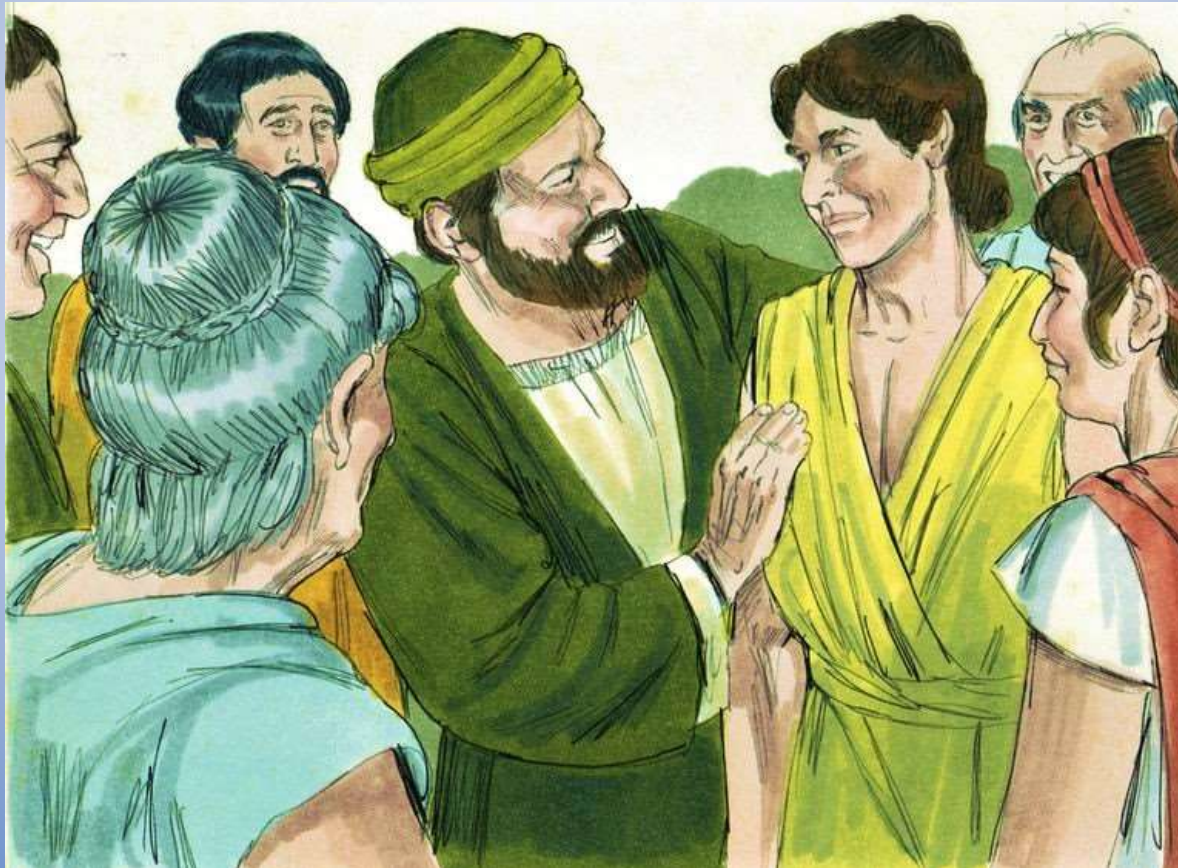
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“I didn’t want to be single. This was the hand that was dealt to me...On my fortieth birthday I got out my journal and wrote, ‘What is good about this?’ Then I wrote down the names of people I’d invested in because I was single and available. I had a list of 300 people! I don’t feel I have missed anything. In fact, I feel incredibly blessed.”

– Emily, a missionary

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“To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters. I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off...The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, ‘I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.’” (Isaiah 56:4-5, 8)

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“Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready. It was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure—for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.” (Revelation 19:7-8)

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“My word to singles is...

Don't live like you're waiting.

Live the most fulfilled, joyful life you can now.”

— Sue



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