

SINGLEHOOD AS GOD'S GIFT

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- **What happened to this church?**
- **What is happening now**



Who do people say I am?

- When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” (Matt 16: 13)
- Who do people say a single mother is?
- Single father is?
- A single person is?

Who do you say I am?

- But you, who do you say I am? (Mark 8: 29)
- Who do you say you are?
- Some say...
- Am a single person
- Loner {Jesus and the Samaritan woman (john 4: 1-26)}
- Unfinished business
- Women or men snatcher.

Our ultimate identity


- Our ultimate identity is not as single people or married people. No dating status defines us. No person can complete us. No human relationship defines us. Saying or believing anything else is dangerous, unhealthy, unrealistic, and un Godly.
- Why?

CHILD OF GOD

- Gal 3: 25-27
- But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a disciplinarian
- For through faith you are **all children of God in Christ Jesus.**

For all of you who were baptized into Christ have **clothed yourselves with Christ**

Not “when you marry I will be...”



**“I will be a Father to you,
and you shall be
My sons and daughters,
says the LORD Almighty.”**

2 Corinthians 6:18

Is Marriage answer to all problems?

- That _____ relationship is not the answer to your life. (but God is)
- Marriage is not the cure-all to the longings of your heart. It is not the rest for all troubles
- To say that a relationship, a boyfriend, a girlfriend, a husband, or a wife, is going to be the answer to our lives and our deepest longings is simply just not fair to that person. And it is unrealistic and unhealthy for you.

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"You have made us
for Yourself, O Lord,
and our hearts
are restless until
they rest in You."



I am your true rest



**"Come to me,
all you who are
weary and
burdened, and I
will give you
rest."**

Matt 11:28



God's Purpose

- God's grand purpose for our lives ... umm ... is not for us to get hitched and married. Nor is it to be single and sexy. God's purpose for our lives is that we be conformed to the likeness of His Son, Jesus Christ. God's purpose is that our ultimate identity and mission are formed as daughters and sons of God...

Is Singlehood practice for Real life?

- Does life begin when we find the significant other? Nope
- "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."
- (Jeremiah 1:5)
- Do not believe otherwise. God is the source and the summit of your life

Living Today for God


- **Your future is not contingent on finding a “significant other”.**
- **Your future doesn’t begin once you find a life partner. It’s happening now.**
- **Don’t wait for tomorrow what God is calling you to do today. Live into your passion, vision, and mission. Your future is happening now.**

You are SET APART



Why
work so hard
to fit in
when you were
called to be
set apart?
2 Cor. 6:17





For he says, "In the time
of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation
I helped you." I tell you,
now is the time of God's
favor, now is the day
of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:2

Singlehood as a Gift

- **Just as marriage is a gift, the season of singlehood is a gift. And as such, it must be embraced as so. It may not be a long season or an eternal season but nevertheless, it is a gift.**

You are a Gift

- And if it is a gift...then gifts are meant to be enjoyed.
- While we're all tempted by that which we don't have, take the time to enjoy this season.
- Use it to pray and bringing others to the lord by the kind of life you live in Christ
- You can equally touch the lives of others

Welcome Today



**LEARN FROM
YESTERDAY
LIVE FOR
TODAY
HOPE FOR
TOMORROW**

You CAN...

- Cultivate your friendships.
- Build your community.
- Invest in your passions.
- Discern your convictions.
- And serve the lord



Breaking News:

- No one is perfect but if we're not careful, we spend so much time thinking, dreaming, wishing, imagining, praying, and hoping for that perfect or near-perfect person...and in the process, we forget about ourselves.
- We forget that....

Called to be perfect

Jesus said:

God's
Love
Never
Fails



“You must therefore be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

Be the ONE

- **Stop worrying so much about the other person.**
- **Stop obsessing about finding the right person.**
- **Rather, focus on you.**
- **Focus on being the right person.**
- **A healthy relationship and future healthy marriages involves a healthy you.**



You are waiting for?

Waiting...
for the
perfect
man.



Am WAITING



You want to marry?

- Do not compromise**
- Look for the right God-given partner**
- Not the perfect as defined by the society or culture**
- Marry your soul mate. Marry someone that resonates deep with your heart, soul, body, and mind**

My choise



My choice



What is your?

- **Pray to God if you intend to marry and change yourself to what you are looking for and be on lookout. The lord will not disappoint you.**

Hope



HOPE


HOLD

ON,

PAIN

ENDS.

Hope

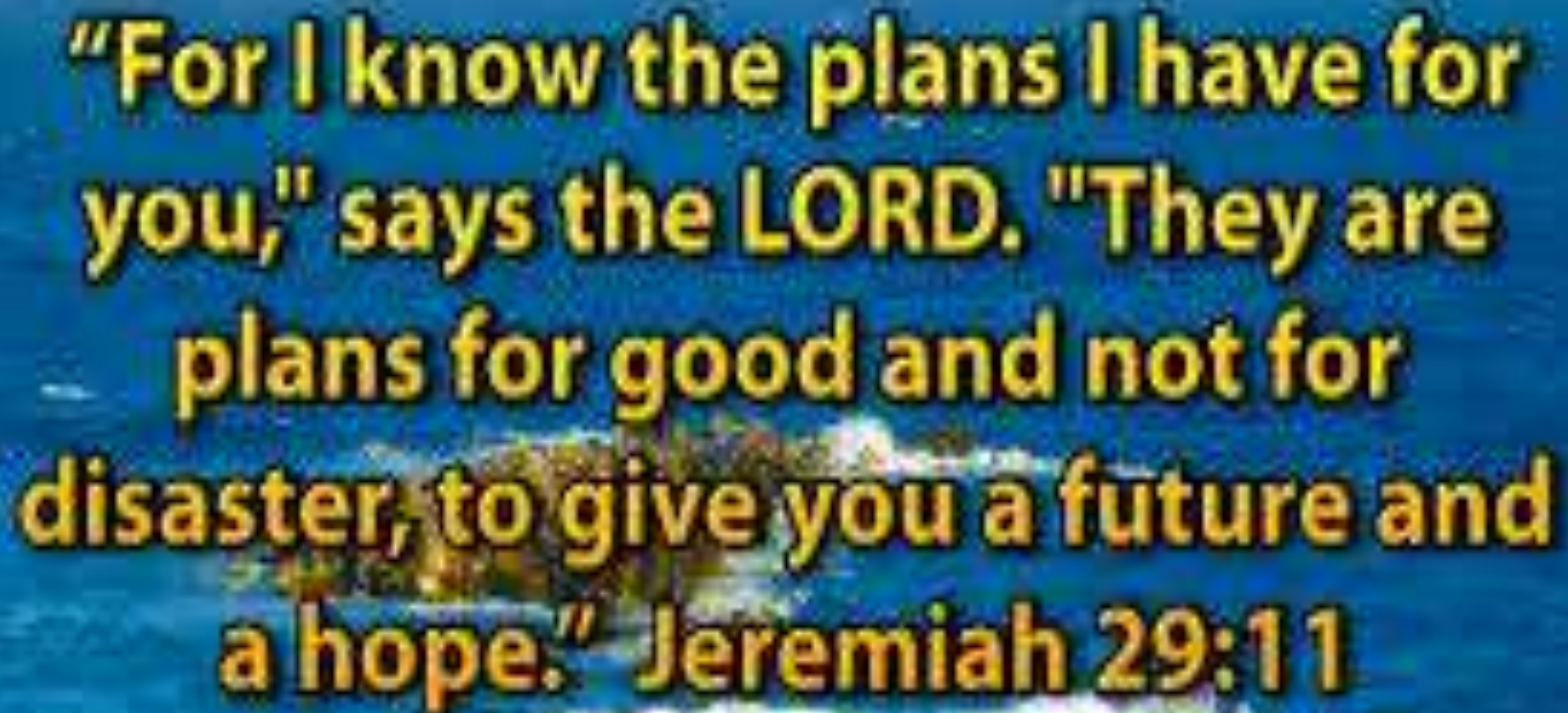
The background of the lower half of the image is a photograph of a person's silhouette standing against a dramatic sunset sky. The person is holding up two large, dark, rectangular objects, possibly tools or signs, with both arms raised. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, and the sun is visible as a bright glow behind the person.

Those who hope
in Me (the Lord)
will not be disappointed.

Isaiah 49:23



God's plan for you



"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

*Loving God
Loving People*



I can do ALL THINGS



I **can**
DO
All Things
THROUGH
CHRIST
WHO
STRENGTHENS
ME PHILIPPIANS
4:13