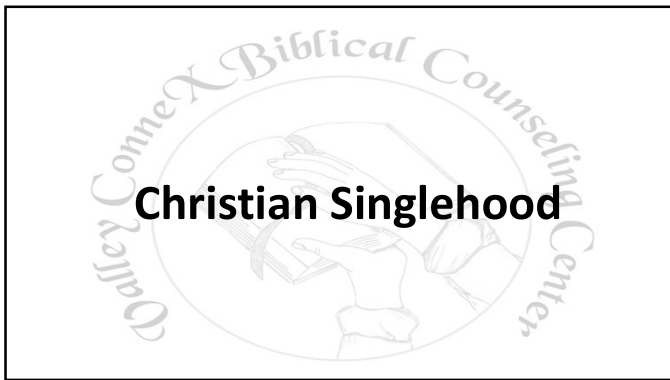
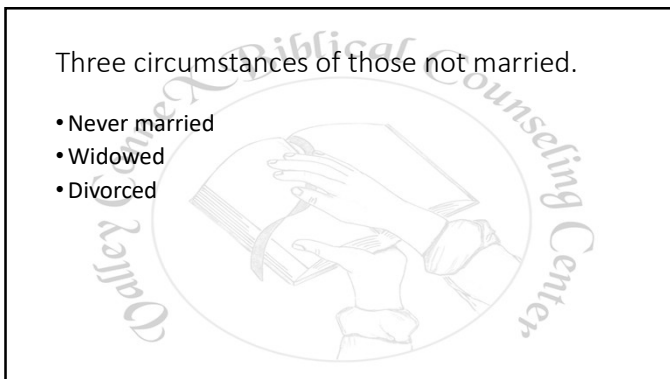


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Guiding Principle: A growing relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ is foundational to life fulfillment.

- *“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12, ESV)*
- *“He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.” (Colossians 1:15–17, ESV)*
- See also 2 Peter 1:3-11

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- *“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.” (John 15:9–11, ESV)*

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What does it mean to live under the lordship of Christ in my current situation?

- *“Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Matthew 16:24–25, ESV)*

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• "Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:25-33, ESV)

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Attitudes and behaviors observed by those who are struggling with singleness.

- Self centered mindset manifested by a sense of entitlement i.e. "I deserve what I want."
- Envy
- Jealousy
- Anger
- Bitterness
- Unforgiveness
- Sexual sin

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Attitudes and behaviors observed by those who are struggling with singleness.

- Confusion
- Disappointment
- Despair
- Anxiety

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Some questions for a follower of Christ to consider before marriage.

- What is the best way I can live out the lordship of Jesus Christ?
 - For some this will be in the context of marriage and a family
 - For others this means remaining single. 1 Corinthians 7:8-9
- What is going on in this season of my life? 1 Corinthians 7:17-24
- What are the present conditions of the world around me? 1 Corinthians 7:26
- Can I be content in remaining single? 1 Corinthians 7:2-5

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Some questions for a follower of Christ to consider before marriage.

- What about remarriage for the divorced?
 - The standard for marriage in scripture is one man and one woman in a one-flesh relationship for life. Matthew 19:4-6; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11
 - Scripture allows for remarriage after a divorce under two circumstances:
 1. Abandonment by an unbelieving spouse. 1 Corinthians 7:12-16
 2. Adultery. Matthew 19:9

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Remarriage after the death of a spouse.

- *“A wife is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to be married to whom she wishes, only in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 7:39, ESV)*
- *“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:3-4, ESV)*

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