

Sunday Sermon | Calvary Chapel Waterford
1 Corinthians 7:25–40 Sermon Outline
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Theme: Christ First in Every Season

1. Jesus' Mercy in Distress - 1 Corinthians 7:25-28

- ***Mercy makes us faithful***
- ***Your calling transcends your circumstances***
- ***Neither marriage nor singleness is sin***
- ***Focus on Christ in difficult times***

2. A Passing World - 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

- ***The time is short***
- ***Life is a vapor***
- ***Hold earthly things loosely***
- ***Live with eternity in view***

3. Live Without Distraction - 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

- ***Serve the Lord wholeheartedly***
- ***Singleness offers unique freedom***
- ***Marriage brings godly responsibilities***
- ***Keep Christ at the center***

4. Mindful of Eternity - 1 Corinthians 7:36-40

- ***Marriage and singleness are both honorable***
- ***Choose wisely and prayerfully***
- ***Marriage is a lifelong covenant***
- ***Believers should marry believers***
- ***Let eternity shape your decisions***

Scripture Cross References (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 7:25-40

1 Timothy 1:12-15: *"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."*

Luke 21:23: *"But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people."*

John 9:4: *"I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work."*

Genesis 2:24: *"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh."*

Matthew 19:6: *"So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."*

Deuteronomy 7:4: *"For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the Lord will be aroused against you and destroy you suddenly."*

Romans 6:23: *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Romans 10:9: *"that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*