

COMPLETE
in Christ

Be Complete In Christ

Trust | Know | Reflect

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A large indoor event space, possibly a church or community hall, with a green overlay. The overlay contains text and a logo. The background shows people seated at tables, and string lights are visible on the ceiling.

We are getting it all wrong

MARRIAGE ISNT THE FINISH LINE

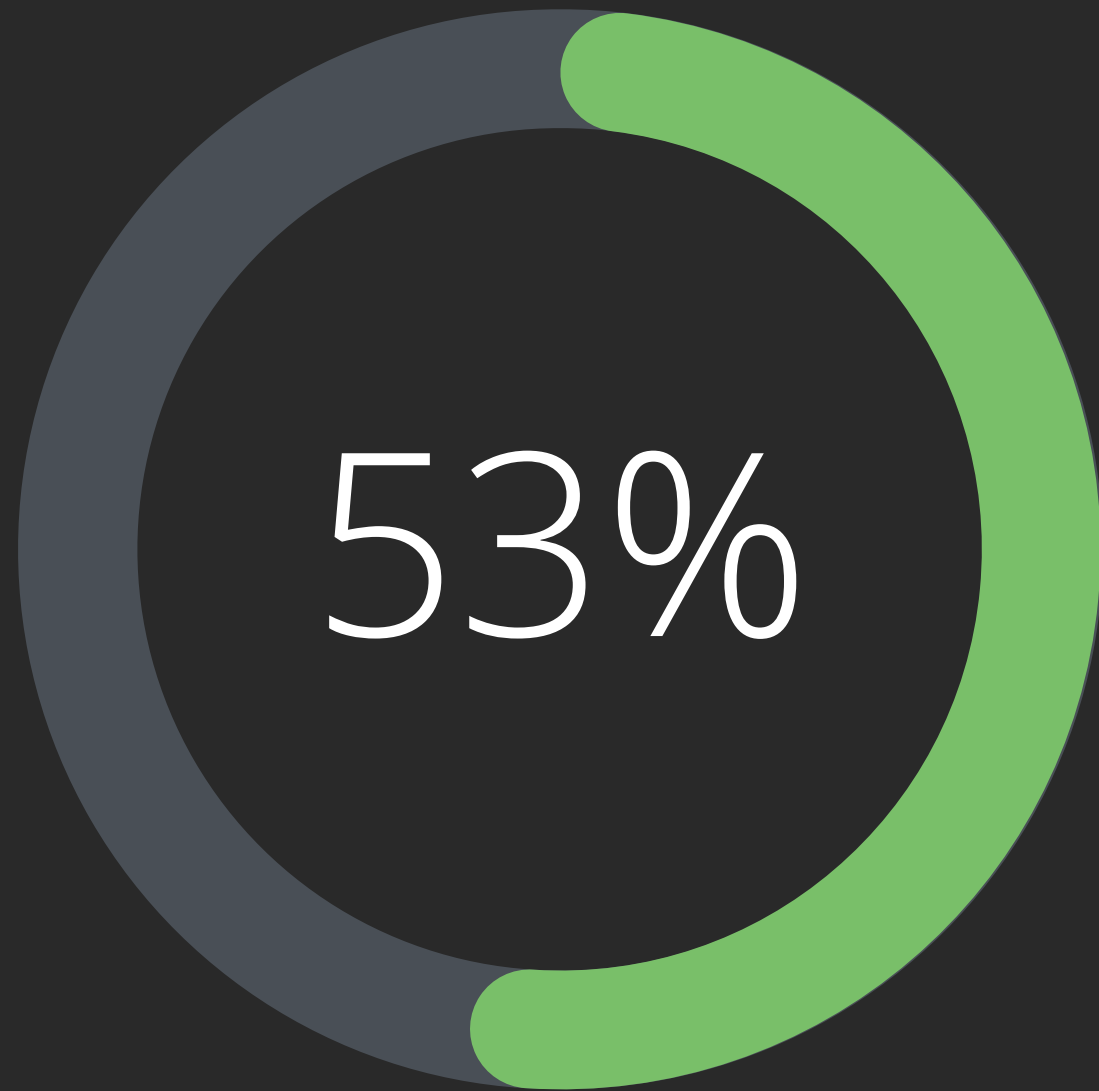
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BEING COMPLETE IN CHRIST
IS NOT A RELATIONSHIP
STATUS, IT'S A LIFE CHOICE.

The Single Majority



Singles Adults in the US



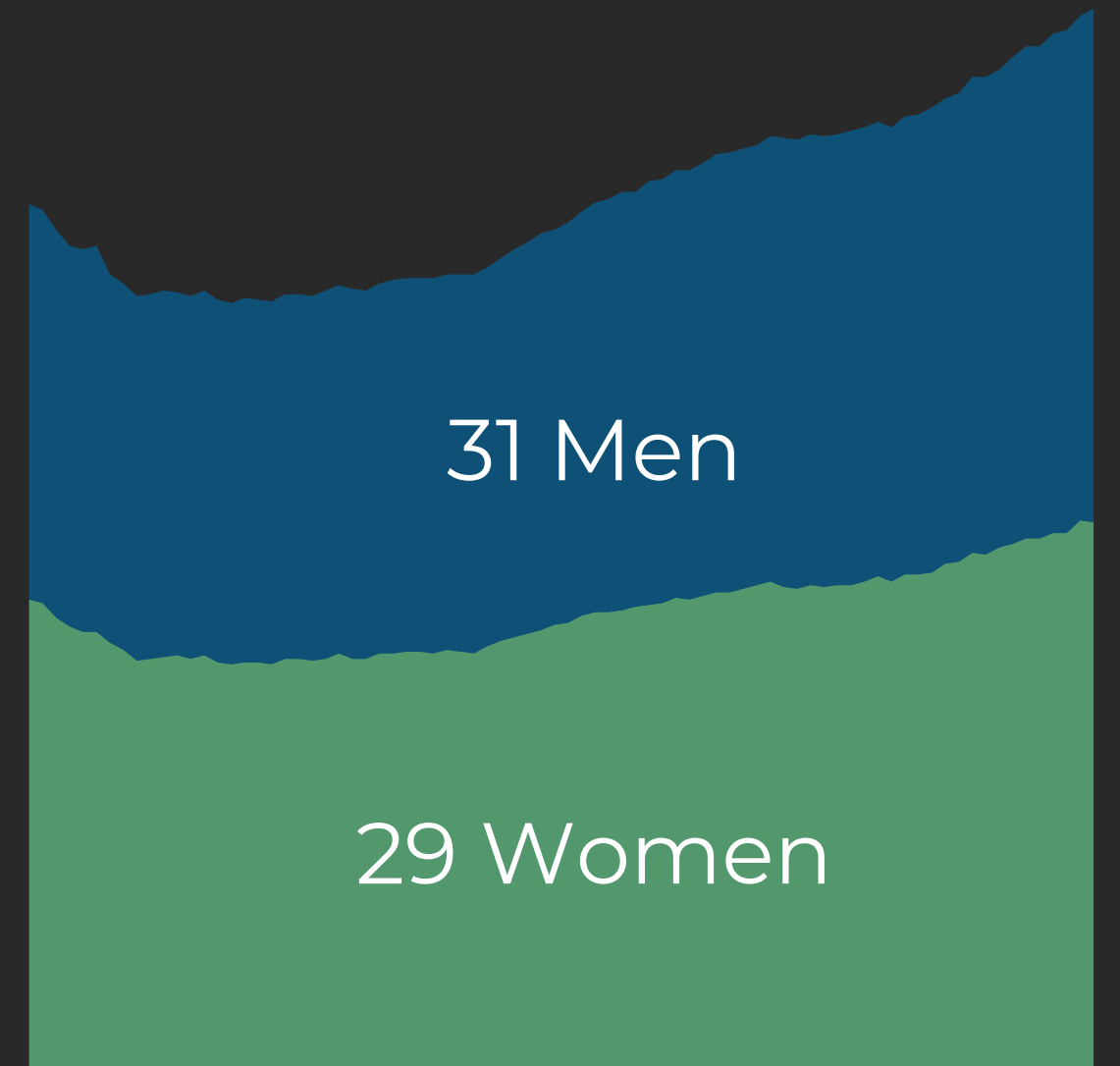
62% of Singles have never been married



40% of all families are single parent households



Only 23% of churchgoers are single



Average age for first marriage 1890-2021

Who are Singles?

COLLEGIATE SINGLES

Adults ages 18-22
who are single.

SINGLES NEVER MARRIED

Singles ages 22+
who have never
been married and
may choose never
to marry.

DATING SINGLES

Singles who are
actively seeking to
find a relationship
with another single
adult.

ENGAGED SINGLES

Ring is on the
finger!

Who are Singles?

DIVORCED SINGLES

Singles who have been married before and are currently not married or recently separated. These singles may choose to marry again or not.

SINGLE PARENTS

Singles who have children, but no longer have another person to help raise the children. Single parents can come from divorce, widowed, adoption or never being married.

WIDOWS

Singles who were married and while married their spouse passed away.

SAME-SEX ATTRACTION

A Biblical relationship classification of those who struggle with same-sex attraction is that they are single adults.

*I wish that all were as **I myself am**. But each has his own gift from God, one of one kind and one of another.*

1 Corinthians 7:7



TRUST

*Cursed is the one who **trusts in man**,
who draws strength from mere flesh and
whose heart turns away from the Lord.*

JEREMIAH 17:5-6

*That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they **will not see prosperity** when it comes. They will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives.*

JEREMIAH 17:5-6

INCOMPLETE: TRUST IN MAN

- LONELINESS
- LACK OF PURPOSE
- ANGER WITH GOD
- SINNING WITHOUT CONVICTION
- DISCONTENT IN RELATIONSHIPS

*But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose **confidence is in him**. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.*

JEREMIAH 17:7-8

*It does not fear when heat comes;
its leaves are always green. It has
no worries in a year of drought and
never fails to bear fruit.”*

JEREMIAH 17:7-8

COMPLETE: TRUST IN CHRIST

- PEACE
- EVERY DAY HAS PURPOSE
- ASKING GOD TO SERVE
- CONVICTION TO BE LIKE CHRIST
- RELATIONSHIPS REFLECT CHRIST

*The **heart is deceitful** above all things,
and desperately sick; who can
understand it?*

JEREMIAH 17:9-10 esv

*I the **Lord search the heart** and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.*

JEREMIAH 17:9-10 esv

TRUST IN THE HEART?

- DANGER OF LEADING WITH YOUR HEART
- THE HEART IS SELFISH
- THE HEART IS ALWAYS CHANGING
- THE HEART VALUES FEELINGS OVER TRUTH
- THE WORLD VALUES THE HEART



KNOW

*And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says “**I know him**” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him*

1 JOHN 2:3-6 esv

*but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is **perfected**. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.*

1 JOHN 2:3-6 esv

HOW DO WE KNOW SOMETHING?

■ COMMITMENT

■ GROW

■ SHARE

■ OBEY

■ TIME

■ SEEK

A black and white photograph of a group of people at an event, with a green semi-transparent overlay and the word 'REFLECT' in white text. The background shows several people standing and talking, with string lights hanging from the ceiling. The green overlay covers the middle portion of the image, and the word 'REFLECT' is centered in white, bold, sans-serif font.

REFLECT

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control*

GALATIANS 5:22-23 esv

REFLECT CHRIST

- SANCTIFICATION IS ON GOING
- REFLECT THE SPIRIT, REFLECT CHRIST
- PROGRESS OVER PERFECTION
- TO BE COMPLETE IS TO EXHIBIT ALL FRUIT

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control



BEING COMPLETE IN CHRIST
IS TO TRUST, KNOW, AND
REFLECT JESUS

*To the unmarried and the widows,
I say that it is good for them to
remain single, as I am.*

1 Corinthians 7:8-9

*But if they cannot exercise self-control, they should marry.
For it is better to marry
than to burn with passion.*

1 Corinthians 7:8-9



BEING COMPLETE IN CHRIST
IS NOT DEFINED BY THE
WORLD, IT'S A CHOICE.

PAUL: BE COMPLETE IN CHRIST NOT OTHERS

- **TRUST CHRIST** FIRST IN EVERYTHING
- **KNOW CHRIST** TO KNOW HIS WILL FOR YOUR LIFE
- **REFLECT CHRIST** THROUGH THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

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