



**Sermon Title:** Single For The Glory of God

**Series:** First Comes Love Then Comes Marriage

**Passages:** Genesis 2:21-24; Colossians 2:9-10; 1 Corinthians 7:7-8, 24; 1 John 4:7-16; Lamentations 3:22-24

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### **Genesis 2:18 (CSB)**

<sup>18</sup>Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him.”

### **Genesis 2:22-24 (CSB)**

<sup>22</sup>Then the Lord God made the rib he had taken from the man into a woman and brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup>And the man said: This one, at last, is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh; this one will be called “woman,” for she was taken from man.

<sup>24</sup>This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh.

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Many of the problems we face in our relationships are because we hope another person will complete us, bring us lasting intimacy, and give us purpose instead of remembering that Jesus is the only one who makes us complete, brings us lasting intimacy, and gives us purpose.

**1. You will never find completion outside of a pursuit of Jesus.**

**Colossians 2:4-10 (CSB)**

<sup>4</sup>I am saying this so that no one will deceive you with arguments that sound reasonable.

<sup>5</sup>For I may be absent in body, but I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see how well ordered you are and the strength of your faith in Christ.

<sup>6</sup>So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup>being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude.

<sup>8</sup>Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elements of the world, rather than Christ.

<sup>9</sup>For the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily in Christ,

<sup>10</sup>and you have been filled by him, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

## **2. You will never find lasting intimacy outside of a pursuit of Jesus.**

### **1 John 4:7–16 (CSB)**

<sup>7</sup>Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.

<sup>8</sup>The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

<sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

<sup>10</sup>Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

<sup>11</sup>Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another.

<sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is made complete in us.

<sup>13</sup>This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>And we have seen and we testify that the Father has sent his Son as the world's Savior.

<sup>15</sup>Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God—God remains in him and he in God.

<sup>16</sup>And we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and the one who remains in love remains in God, and God remains in him.

### **Lamentations 3:22–24 (CSB)**

<sup>22</sup>Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end.

<sup>23</sup>They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness!

<sup>24</sup>I say, "The Lord is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in him."

Jesus + Nothing = Everything

## **3. You will never find your purpose outside of a pursuit of Jesus.**

### **1 Corinthians 7:7–8 (CSB)**

<sup>7</sup>I wish that all people were as I am. But each has his own gift from God, one person has this gift, another has that.

<sup>8</sup>I say to the unmarried and to widows: It is good for them if they remain as I am.

### **1 Corinthians 7:17 (CSB)**

<sup>17</sup>Let each one live his life in the situation the Lord assigned when God called him. This is what I command in all the churches.

### **1 Corinthians 7:24 (CSB)**

<sup>24</sup>Brothers and sisters, each person is to remain with God in the situation in which he was called.

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### **Study Questions**

- Who have you gotten most of your teaching about relationships, marriage, and dating from? What was the message that they taught you?
- Do you feel complete as a person who is in Christ? Why do you think that is?
- If singleness, dating, and marriage, just like anything else that you do, is about bringing glory to God ... what are some ways that you specifically can bring God glory through your current relationship status?
- Do you think it's possible for you in your current situation to in "remain in God" as 1 Corinthians 7:24 instructs? Why or why not?

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