



***GLORIFYING GOD
IN OUR EVERYDAY
LIVES***

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A person is seen from behind, standing with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer. They are wearing a dark long-sleeved shirt. The background is a dramatic sunset or sunrise over a body of water, with a bright sun low on the horizon, creating a golden glow and silhouetting the clouds. The overall mood is one of awe and devotion.

Glorifying God *in Your Single Life*

Text: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

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***The Corinthians asked Paul a
question***



***Is being single better than
being married?***



What's the Answer?

- Like any other good theological question, the answer is, it depends.



Paul felt like the return of Christ was imminent. In the light of Jesus' imminent return, He gives his answer and some advice.

**He answers
in that
context....**



***Being
single is
good up
to
a point***

1 Cor. 7:1-2

His advice...
***Since the
return of Christ
is imminent,
stay as you are***
1 Cor. 7:26-31



Either way, don't worry



1 Corinthians 7:32a

*Paul says, “But I
want you to be free
from concern.*



The Reality...


- ...married people and singles are both susceptible to concern and anxiety over worldly issues ●

About being single...

...Paul says, “One who is unmarried is concerned about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord”



In Paul's eyes...

- *...there were only two kinds of people...*
 - *married and unmarried.*
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Unmarried
people are
free to focus
on *pleasing*
God



Married

people are
concerned
about

pleasing
each other





A third alternative



Twilight...

...literally means the time of two lights. The fading light of sunset and the emerging light of the moon and stars.



Many single people...

*...live in a kind of relationship “twilight”.
They are not truly single
but they are not legally
married.*



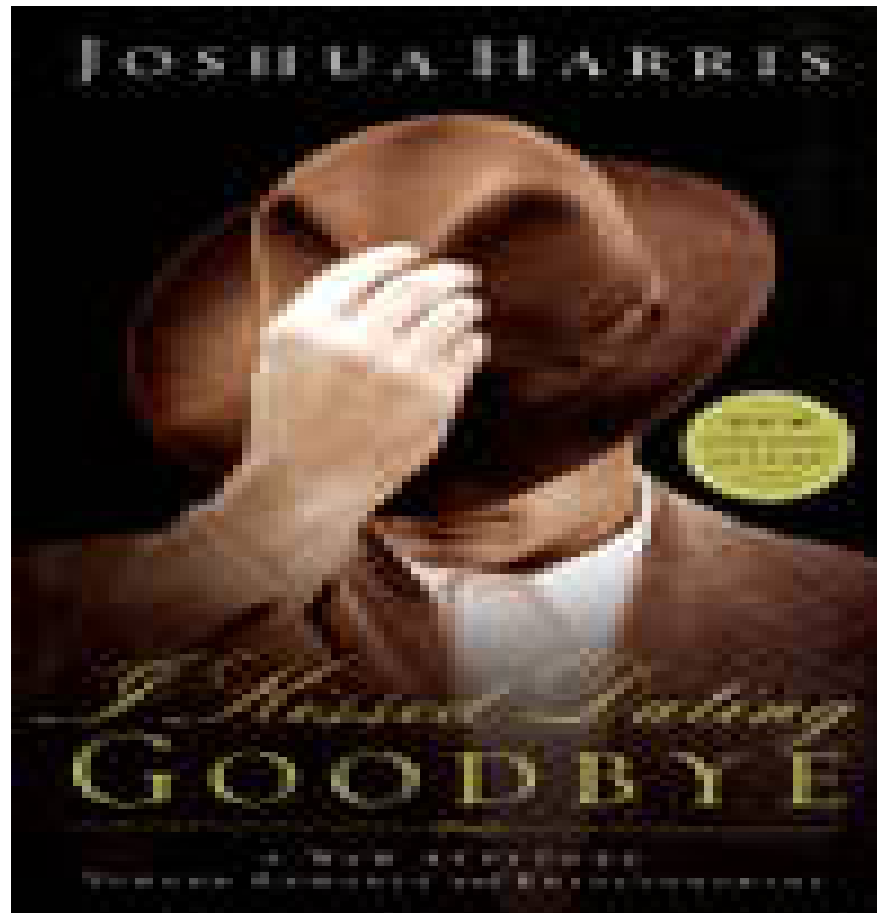
It appears that the...

...Bible never really anticipated this turn of events. In the Bible, people were either unmarried or married. Engagement was considered marriage.



Joshua Harris

I Kissed Dating Goodbye.



Lesson 1

o *Singleness* is
good, up to a point.



A natural...

- ...human tendency is to compare ourselves to other people.



The Problem

- **What is right for someone else may not be right for us**



Misconception

- You are going to be better, happier, more fulfilled after you get married



God's Word


- **“Good for a man not to touch a woman”**
- **“Not good for the man to be alone.”**



Interpretation

- **Not a matter of morality**
- **Not a matter of intrinsic value**
- **A matter of purpose** ●

Conclusion

- **Single is good because it serves God's purpose**
 - **Marriage is good because it serves God purpose**
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Lesson 2

- Singleness is a *gift...not everyone has it*



When you have...

- ...the gift of “singleness”, your choices are **God-directed**



You are able to...

- ...choose a life of celibacy and it is not a burden to you.



Lesson 3

- **Singleness**
glorifies God.



Single people...

- ...have definite advantages over married people.



Single people...

- ...are free to focus their attention on how to please God.



Fact

- Single people have more time and energy for ministry when compared with married people.

