



CALVARY CHAPEL

The Gift of the Present: Finding Your Purpose in Your Current Season

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- We are not defined by our status, but by our RELATIONSHIP to God as His children.

1 Corinthians 7:25-26 Now about virgins: I have no command from the Lord, but I give a judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. **26** Because of the present crisis, I think that it is good for a man to remain as he is.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:20-21 "Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

1 Corinthians 7:27-28 Are you pledged to a woman? Do not seek to be released. Are you free from such a commitment? Do not look for a wife. **28** But if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. But those who marry will face many troubles in this life, and I want to spare you this.

- Remember that if you are walking with God, you are where you are, and how you are, because He has brought you to this point.

1 Corinthians 7:23-24 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of human beings. **24** Brothers and sisters, each person, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation they were in when God called them.

- **Marriage will not solve:**

- Loneliness
- Sexual temptation
- Deep emotional needs
- Grief
- Difficulties of life (health, money, stress, mental health...)
- A Commitment to Christ and then to each other is what holds a marriage together.

1 Corinthians 7:29-35 What I mean, brothers and sisters, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they do not; **30** those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; **31** those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away. **32** I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs—how he can please the Lord. **33** But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world—how he can please his wife—**34** and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world—how she can please her husband. **35** I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

- Godly counsel promotes freedom! We have freedom in Christ!

2 Corinthians 3:17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

- No matter what status of life you are in, place your FOCUS on God!
- Your season in life does not determine your worth. Your worth is found in Christ!

Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared beforehand for us to do.

Isaiah 43:4 You are precious in my eyes, I love you, and I have chosen you.

1 Corinthians 7:36-40 If anyone is worried that he might not be acting honorably toward the virgin he is engaged to, and if his passions are too strong and he feels he ought to marry, he should do as he wants. He is not sinning. They should get married. **37** But the man who has settled the matter in his own mind, who is under no compulsion but has control over his own will, and who has made up his mind not to marry the virgin—this man also does the right thing. **38** So then, he who marries the virgin does right, but he who does not marry her does better. **39** A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but he must belong to the Lord. **40** In my judgment, she is happier if she stays as she is—and I think that I too have the Spirit of God.

- No matter what season you are in give your all for Christ and His Kingdom!

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

- Call **321.574.6970** if you have chosen to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

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