

Antioch Singles Equipping Night

Broken Perspective

You remain consistently angry at God, fixated on your relationship status. You view singleness as a sign that God is holding out on you.

You tend to move away from God when discouraged over your life-place.

Your sense of self worth goes up and down based off your relationship status.

You put your hope in marriage and struggle with hopelessness and despair when you don't see a clear path to marriage. Self-pity can take you out for days or weeks.

Comparison consistently steals your joy and makes it tough to celebrate other's relational blessings. As friends get married or date, you pull away from them.

You feel benched in the kingdom...once you find a spouse you think you can take your place serving God and following your dreams.

You see married people as "victorious" and singleness as "lacking" with marriage as the finish line.

Poor relational boundaries. You are either too rigid or too lax with your cross gender friendships...avoiding at all costs OR sharing too much.

You try to grow spiritually thinking God will reward your maturity with marriage.

You are vulnerable to advice that typically starts with "If you just...(lose weight, online dated, wore makeup, wore better pants, got out there more...)" that makes you feel like you are the problem.

Kingdom Perspective

You view God as a good and loving Father. You trust Him, know His heart is to give you good gifts. (Matthew 7:9-11)

You bring God your pain and move towards Him when you feel lonely. (Romans 8:35, 37-39; Psalm 25:16-17)

Your worth is anchored in God's perspective of you, not your relationship status. God is your source of deep acceptance & love (Romans 8:12-17).

You pray for your future spouse with expectancy, but keep your hope based on God's character, avoiding self-pity. (Jeremiah 29:10-14, Psalm 33:20-22, 1 Thess. 5:18-19)

Even when it feels tough, you seek to celebrate others as God brings them answered prayer, including relationships. You maintain friendships with single, dating or married friends, and enjoy friendships with different life places. (Romans 12:9-15, Hebrews 10:23-25)

You keep taking risks, making plans, and following Jesus' leading in your life...not holding off on following your passions until you find a spouse. (Philippians 2:1-4)

You see singleness, dating, and marriage as life places to be equally grateful for. (Hebrews 12:1-3, Colossians 2:6-7)

You have healthy cross gender friendships, where you honor and appreciate men/women, and share at an appropriate heart level. (Philippians 4:10-13)

I am not going to give into the lie that I do not have a husband because I do not deserve one, or I've not grown "enough". (Gal. 2:19-21, Ps 27:13)

You are both unaffected, and un-offended by people's bad advice. You find kind responses to people's intrusive/awkward questions. (Prov 19:11, Prov. 3:1-8)