LIFE IN THE WORD SERIES:

LESSON FIVE:

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Ecclesiastes 3:1, To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven.

“Singleness isn’t about waiting for someone; it’s a complete life to be lived, focusing on becoming your best self, which makes you more attractive."

Jeremiah 16:2, "You shall not take a wife for yourself nor have sons or daughters in this place."

Genesis 2:18, "It is not good that the man should be alone.”

I Corinthians 7:8, “It is good for them to remain single, as I am.”

I Corinthians 7:7, “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.”

Singleness is circumstantial. Celibacy is a vocation. It’s a rare gift that God grants.

Reference Scripture
I Corinthians 7:32-35

I Corinthians 7:32-35, I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

Three Advantages of Singleness:

1. FOCUS
2. FLEXIBILITY
3. FREEDOM

Reference Scripture
I Philippians 4:11-14

I Philippians 4:11-14, Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble.

Three Ways to be Content in Your Single Season:

1. Trust God’s Timing.

Proverbs 18:22, He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.

2. Trace God’s Goodness.

Psalm 27:13, I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living.

“If marriage shows us the shape of the gospel, singleness shows us its sufficiency.”

3. Trust God's Faithfulness.

II Timothy 2:13, If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot disown Himself.

There is no selfish singleness in the kingdom of God.

Singleness is not a problem to be solved; but a platform for growth, service and devotion to God.

Reference Scripture
Lamentations 3:24-27

Lamentations 3:24-27, The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in Him.” The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

Nothing worth having comes without waiting.

The waiting season is where we learn that Jesus is enough.

"Marriage is beautiful, but so is singleness. One is not better than the other they are simply" different assignments from the same Master."

Follow Up Chat Questions:

1. Why was the prophet Jeremiah told to remain single?
2. What is the difference between singleness and celibacy?
3. What are some advantages of singleness?
4. How can one find contentment in their single season?
5. How have you used or maximized your God-given gift(s)?
6. How have you embraced your singleness? How can you live in the present?
7. What is your takeaway from today’s lesson?