

The header features a dark teal background on the left with white geometric shapes (a square, a triangle, and a line). A large, light pink cross is positioned on the left side. The title 'The Gospel & Relationships' is written in a large, light pink font, with 'The Gospel' on the top line and '& Relationships' on the bottom line. To the right of the text is a black silhouette of a human head in profile, filled with a grid of small, multi-colored squares (white, grey, blue, orange). Further right, there are several white geometric shapes (circles, triangles) arranged vertically. The background transitions from teal to a light blue gradient on the right.

# The Gospel & Relationships

**JANUARY 29, 2023 / A HOLY LIFE / 1 CORINTHIANS 7:25-35**

*THE FINAL MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL AND RELATIONSHIP SERIES IS ABOUT SINGLENESS. 1 CORINTHIANS 7:25-35 HOLDS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MESSAGES FOR THE CHURCH ABOUT THE DIGNITY AND VALUE OF THE SINGLE LIFE IN GOD'S EYES. THE APOSTLE PAUL WILL NOT ONLY PRESENT SINGLENESS AS A VALID CHOICE BUT, FOR SOME, A PREFERABLE ONE TO MARRIAGE. AN INDIVIDUAL CAN LIVE A FULL LIFE AS GOD INTENDED AND BE SINGLE IF THIS IS THEIR DESIRE OR CALLING.*

**READ 1 CORINTHIANS 7:25-35.**

1. What is your general understanding of the Bible's view on the single life?
2. What theological truth or new reality underlies the challenge in these verses? (1 Corinthians 7:29-31 and see 2 Corinthians 5:16-17)
3. How has your marriage, if married, been an aid or hindrance to your devotion or service to God? (1 Corinthians 7:32-35)
4. How has being single, if single, helped enhance your devotion or service to God?
5. What does the Bible say about the role marriage will play in the new age that the Resurrection of Jesus has inaugurated? (see Matthew 22:29-30)
6. In what ways does the teaching of this passage give new freedom and liberty to single people in the body of Christ?

**God help me, whether single or married, to live with a more undivided devotion to you.**