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Pursuing Jesus When Everything Else Is Window Dressing (Part 1)

A BIBLE STUDY AT HOME
FOR SINGLE WOMEN

The hardest thing about being single is being a Christian single. The coronavirus with its uncertainties has made being single even that more difficult.

The loneliness of being isolated is real. It is in times like these, as a widow, I feel the absence of a husband most profoundly. I miss his arms of love and protection wrapped around me like a comfortable blanket letting me know that everything is going to be alright.

What is the hardest thing about being single during this quarantine?

This crisis has not caught Jesus by surprise. Neither has our being single during this most unprecedented time in the history of the world. The most significant choice you and I will make during this quarantine is to passionately pursue Jesus. None of us have had so much time and opportunity to pursue Him than now.

Is anything distracting you from your pursuit of Jesus?

We were made to pursue and be pursued by God. This isn't a one-time thing or something we move on from after this crisis is over. We can choose to continue with business as usual in our singleness. Or we can look back at this season as a time where we redefined singleness in our lives and grew closer to Jesus.

Philippians 3:7-9 New International Version (NIV)

But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Philippians 3:7-9 The Message (MSG)

The very credentials these people are waving around as something special, I'm tearing up and throwing out with the trash—along with everything else I used to take credit for. And why? Because of Christ. Yes, all the things I once thought were so important are gone from my life. Compared to the high privilege of knowing Christ Jesus as my Master, firsthand, everything I once thought I had going for me is insignificant—dog dung. I've dumped it all in the trash so that I could embrace Christ and be embraced by him. I didn't want some petty, inferior brand of righteousness that comes from keeping a list of rules when I could get the robust kind that comes from trusting Christ—God's righteousness.

Based on these scriptures, what does an intentional pursuit of Christ look like?

What are the things you thought brought you happiness that are now literally trash in comparison to knowing Christ?

People are in pursuit of many different things. Many of which seem more attractive and appealing than pursuing Jesus. One of my favorite quotes is by Jayson D. Bradley because it unveils an important lesson that can transform our lives.

*The pursuit of Jesus Christ is your true testimony,
everything else is window dressing.*
Jayson D. Bradley

A Christian testimony is sharing how we became Christians by the move of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Write your testimony here:

The day we accepted Christ as our Lord and Savior is the most important moment of our lives; but it is so much more than a moment. It is so much more than going to heaven when we die.

God does not want us to keep our spiritual life compartmentalized in a box while we pursue the other boxes that are often times more attractive than Jesus.



It is only when a crisis occurs that our true pursuit is exposed and we see in plain sight through the window.



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