

What Can You Accept? Todd Arnett June 7th & 8th, 2025

Jesus is the <u>TRUTH</u> and the <u>WAY</u> to the good <u>LIFE</u>.

1. Not everyone is called to the life-long covenant of <u>MARRIAGE</u>.

Matthew 19:10-11

Jesus taught that marriage is a calling from  $\underline{GOD}$  designed by  $\underline{GOD}$  and enabled by  $\underline{GOD}$  to bring glory to  $\underline{GOD}$ .

2. Instead, some choose <u>SINGLENESS</u> and <u>CELIBACY</u> in order to live missionally.

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Matthew 19:12

"Chastity is the most unpopular of the Christian virtues. There is no getting away from it: the Christian rule is, 'Either marriage with complete faithfulness to your partner, or total abstinence."

- C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity

"The gospel is better than anything we are tempted to sinfully enjoy."

- Jackie Hill Perry

"Jesus's call to sexual purity is radically inclusive: it applies to everyone, regardless of orientation."

- Rebecca McLaughlin



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"Marriage is not promised or preferred. It can't make you straight nor prove that you're committed. It's not the prize for faithfulness, nor the source. Jesus Christ is the prize. The Holy Spirit is the source. God is our Father, our husband, our friend."

- Rachel Gilson

Hebrews 4:15

If you catch nothing else today, would you CONFESS a sinful posture or perspective that you have and REPENT to embrace God's design for sex...because Jesus was right about everything.

3. Missional SINGLENESS enables you to live **UNDIVIDEDLY** devoted to Jesus.

1 Corinthians 7:32-35



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How are we DEMONSTRATING Jesus' design for sex and engaging the people in our oikos who are living apart from His design in their lives?

## Key Takeaways:

- 1. If you are <u>SINGLE</u> for any reason, celibacy and an unhindered devotion to Jesus is your calling in this season.
- 2. If you have sexual attractions that aren't <u>CONSISTENT</u> with God's design for marriage, then celibacy and unhindered devotion to Jesus is your calling unless something changes.
- 3. Offer meaningful COMMUNITY to fellow Jesus followers who have misaligned sexual desires but who are choosing not to engage them for the sake of following Jesus.

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