

Being Single as a Christian

I always appreciate requests on topics for articles I want to write about what someone would like to read about. When I was asked to write about being single as a Christian I said sure then delayed for weeks (sorry there have been no new articles, this is why!) I think my hesitation in part is my own struggles with the topic, but also each time I set out to research the topic what I primarily found was how being a single Christian is a blessing and that Jesus is enough. As one person wrote *"As a single guy, I do hear that a lot. And lo and behold, it never really helps. Sure, Jesus is what I want. But I want other things, too. Usually I hear this from folks who are dating, engaged or married. It always makes me want to retort that apparently Jesus wasn't enough for THEM, now, was it? Easy for them to say."* Also a lot is written about how being single allow us more time to serve God and that it is a gift and a calling. I am not saying that all of this is not true but just that it is not the whole story of being single as a Christian. Then I came across this article from Olivia Davis and I thought yes this is good, this is real, this is what I want to share with those in the church interested in the topic. So rather than pulling out parts and adding my own words I am sharing the article in its entirety with you because I think it is that good. One aspect of this article I really appreciate is that the author expresses her desire for Jesus and the gratitude for all that comes with her faith in Christ as well her her desire for more - for a life partner. She does an excellent job expressing and holding space for that tension, for both to exist in our hearts. Which I think is something we can all related to whether single or married. I suggest taking time to read the comments as well many are very insightful.

Here is the article <https://lookingupward.org/2024/04/11/the-pain-of-being-single/>

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