

**[SERMON NOTES]**

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**[QUICK REVIEW]**

Looking at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

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**[MY STORY]**

Are you someone who likes to be alone or not? Why or why not?

If you were stranded on a desert island with 3 other people for the rest of your life, who would you hope was there with you?

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**[DIGGING DEEPER]**

Start off today by re-reading one of the main passages from this Sunday's message:  
**1 Corinthians 7:32-35 (NIV Translation)**

The Apostle Paul draws a pretty stark line between those who are single and those who are married in this passage. He says that single people can be concerned about the “affairs of Christ” whereas those who are married are distracted by the “affairs of this world/marriage.”

***What do you feel like Paul is implying in making that distinction?***

God isn't saying that married people can't follow Jesus or that single people don't get distracted by things of this life. Rather, there are extra concerns when someone is no longer single. With that said, sometimes the message sent to single people in the church can be very different.

***What would you say is sometimes the 'implied' message sent to single people in the church today?***

***If you are a single person, what is one thing you wish would be done differently? If you are a married person, what is something couples can do better to include those who are single?***

In verse 35, there is a phrase “*undivided devotion*” that Paul gives *all* believers. This phrase, in the original Greek language, is a combination of three parts: “*well done/ being good at*” + “*beside*” and for the “*sake of being settled/foundation*”.

***How might you use the above to write out your own definition of what it means to have “undivided devotion” towards Jesus?***

***What does this passage tell us about God?***

***What does this passage tell us about people? (their character, attitude, behaviors, etc.)***

***When you think of striving for “undivided devotion” towards Jesus, what is one specific thing you can do this week to grow?***

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### [WEEKLY READINGS]

Studies say that someone who reads their Bible 4 times or more a week improves their joy, happiness, contentment, and overall approval of their life. (1 Tim. 4:8-10,16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17). Below are 4 passages of Scripture this week to dive into to pull deeper on our weekend's message. We encourage you to take notes in your Bible, and ask yourself: *What does this teach me about God? Myself and others? And how do I follow Jesus better?*

**Colossians 3**

**Galatians 5**

**Micah 6**

**Exodus**