

Sermon Notes – March 8, 2020

*Pairs and **Spares**? NO WAY! Marriage AND Singleness Are Commended by God!*

1 Corinthians 7:25–40

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Our Mission:

Helping people take the next step in one's relationship with Jesus Christ.

Our Vision Statement:

Connect: *Connect through authentic community with other Christ-followers;* **Grow:** *Grow in one's personal relationship with Jesus;*

Go: *Go and serve others sharing love and the gospel.*

1. God values marriage (Genesis 2; Song of Songs; Ephesians 5).
2. God values singleness (1 Corinthians 7; life of Jesus and Paul; life of Anna; etc.).
3. God's Word teaches that while both marriage and singleness are gifts (charisma – 1 Corinthians 7:7–8), and while both are God-ordained and pleasing to the Lord, a single person has a spiritual advantage over a married person. A single can be “even more focused” on growing in Christ and serving Him (1 Corinthians 7:32–34).
4. God's Word teaches that it is normal and right for some singles to desire marriages (1 Corinthians 7:28, 36–38).
5. God's Word teaches that it is normal and right for some singles to desire singleness as an avenue towards greater intimacy with Jesus (1 Corinthians 7:25–29, 34).