

# *Honoring Singleness*

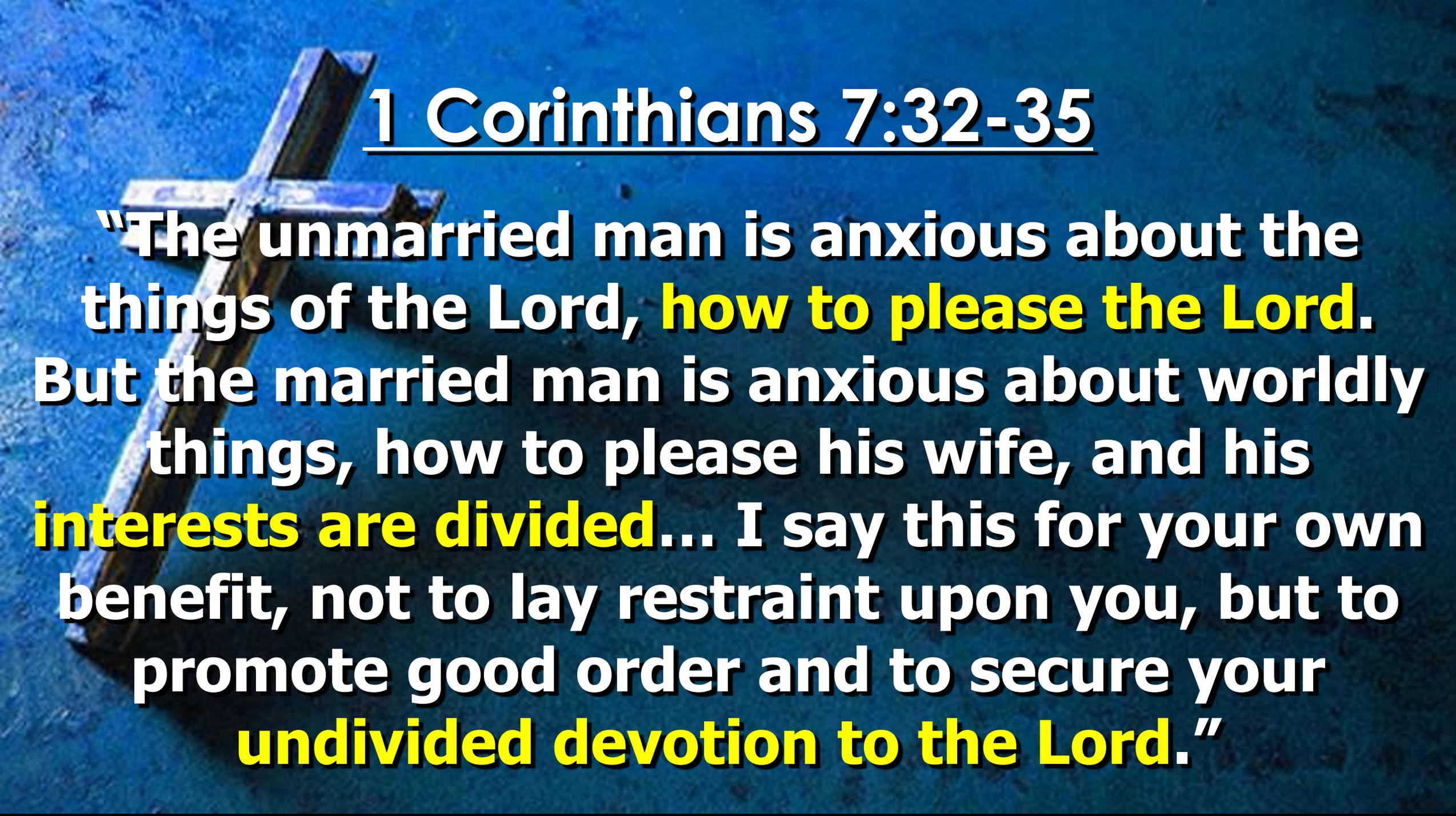


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## 1 Corinthians 7:8

**“To the unmarried and the widows, I say that **it is good for them to remain single** as I am.”**

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## 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

**“The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, **how to please the Lord.** But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his **interests are divided...** I say this for your own benefit, not to lay restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your **undivided devotion to the Lord.**”**

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## Purpose

**SINGLENES IS GOOD  
AS THE OPPORTUNITY  
TO FOCUS ON GOD**

**Worship • Joy • Service • Satisfaction**

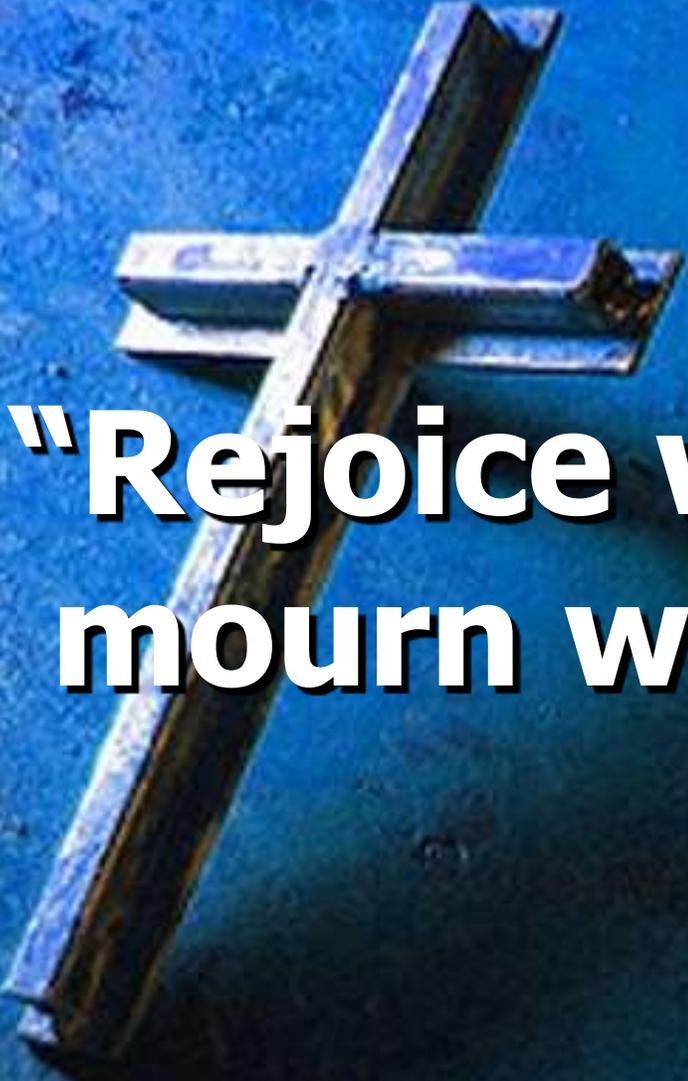
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## Main Idea

**EVERY FOLLOWER OF CHRIST IS  
CALLED TO ESTEEM SINGLENESSE  
AS A BLESSING FROM GOD**

**Solo acts need great back-up singers**

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Romans 12:15

**“Rejoice with those who rejoice,  
mourn with those who mourn.”**

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## HONOR SINGLES BY VALIDATING THE TRUTH

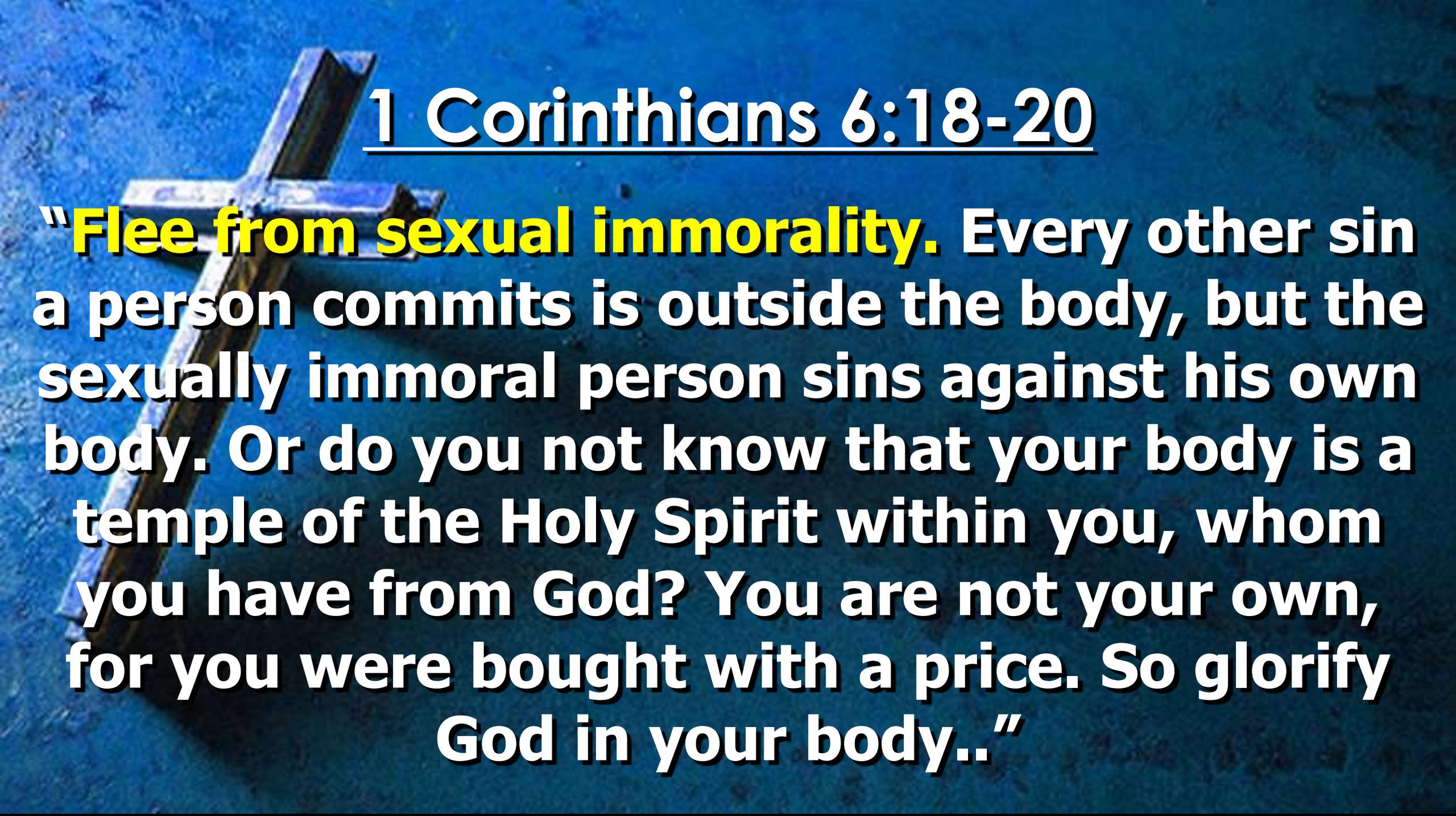
- Validate real feelings
- Validate real cost

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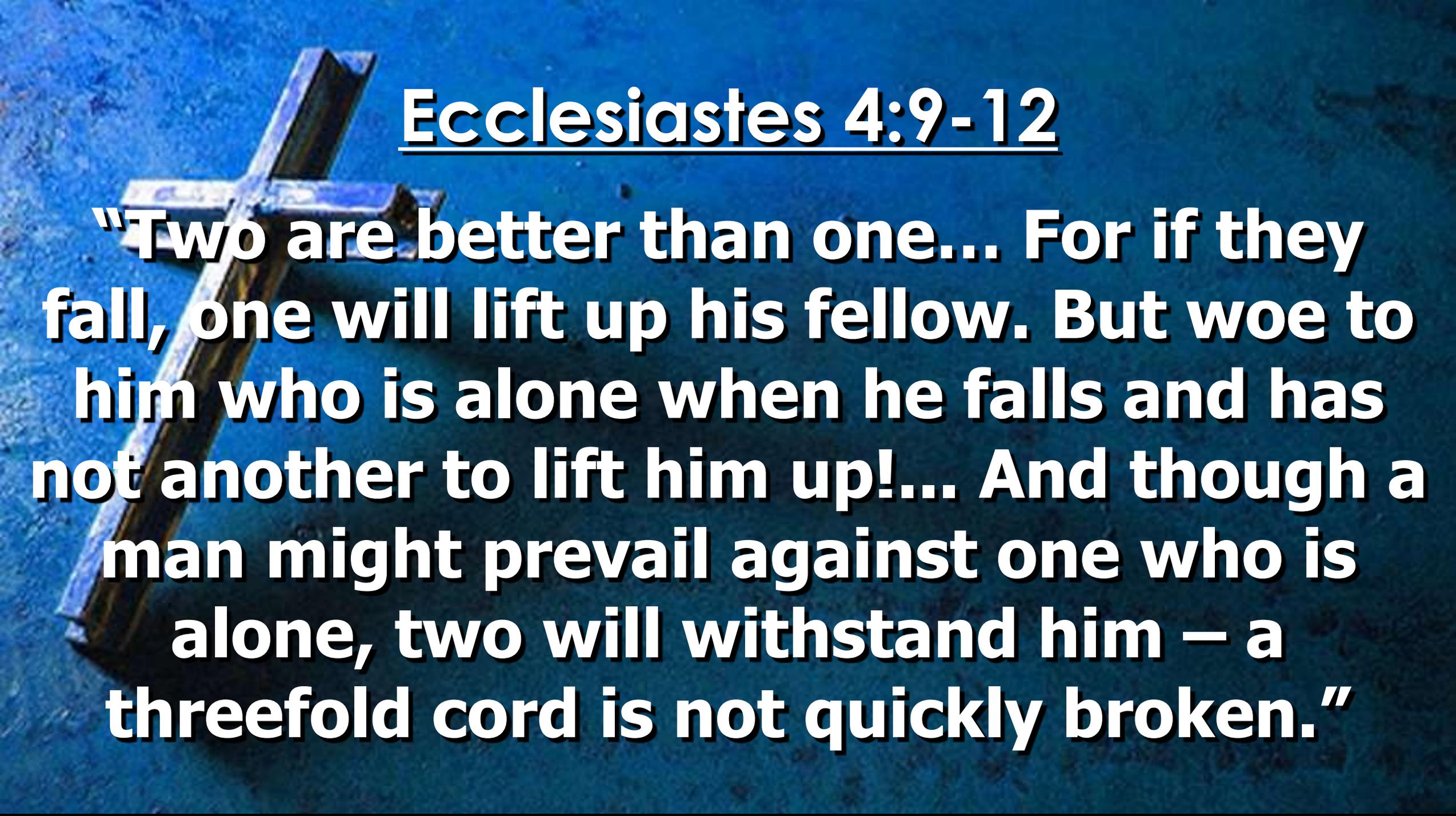
**HONOR SINGLES BY SUPPORTING  
THOSE WHO DESIRE MARRIAGE**

**Turn dating into a team sport**

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## 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

**“Flee from sexual immorality.** Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body..”

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## Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

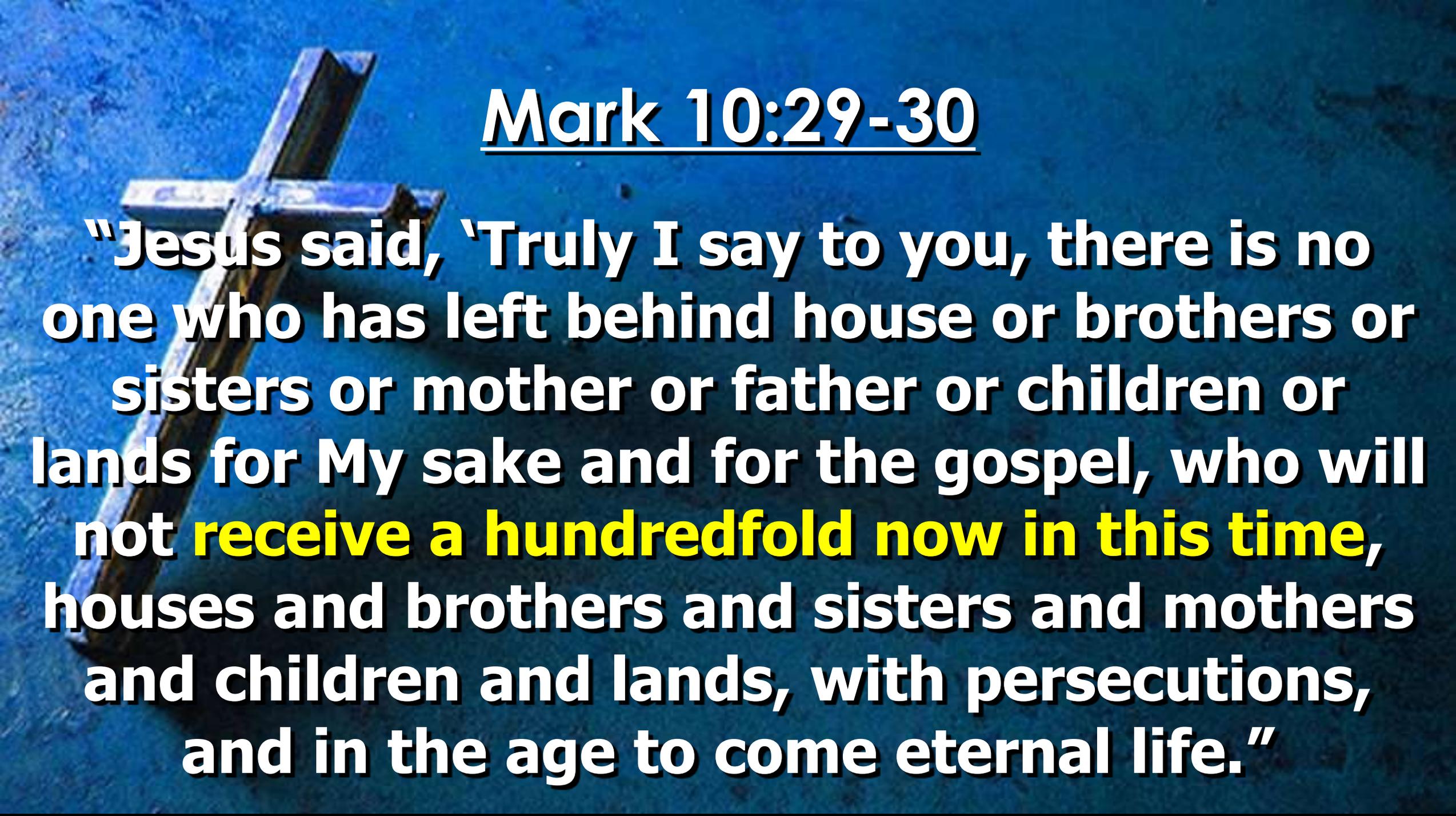
**“Two are better than one... For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!... And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him – a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”**

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**HONOR SINGLES BY PROVIDING  
ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Get together and get honest**

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## Mark 10:29-30

**“Jesus said, ‘Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left behind house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for My sake and for the gospel, who will not **receive a hundredfold now in this time,** houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.’”**

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**HONOR SINGLES BY FULFILLING  
THE NEED FOR INTIMACY**

**Provide Jesus' family and home**

# *We Are Family Challenge*

- **Invite for a home-cooked meal**
- **Ask deeper questions**
- **Be part of your family prayer**

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