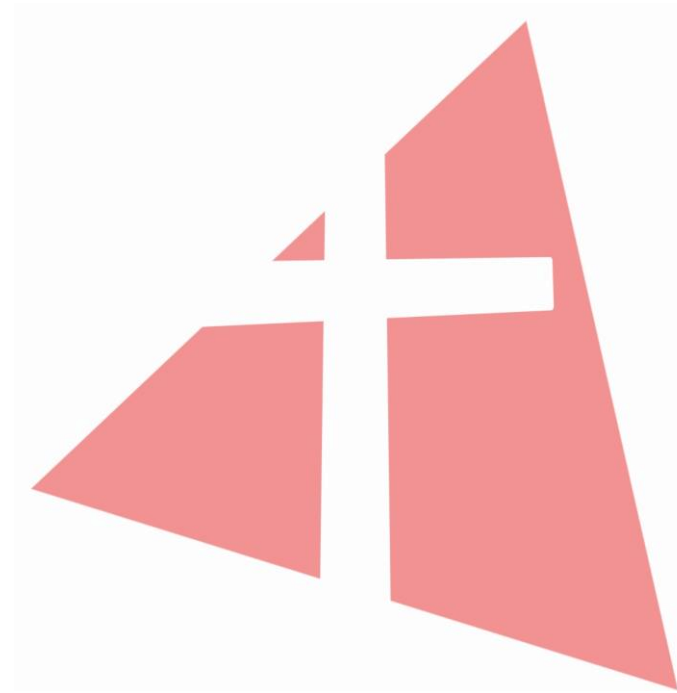


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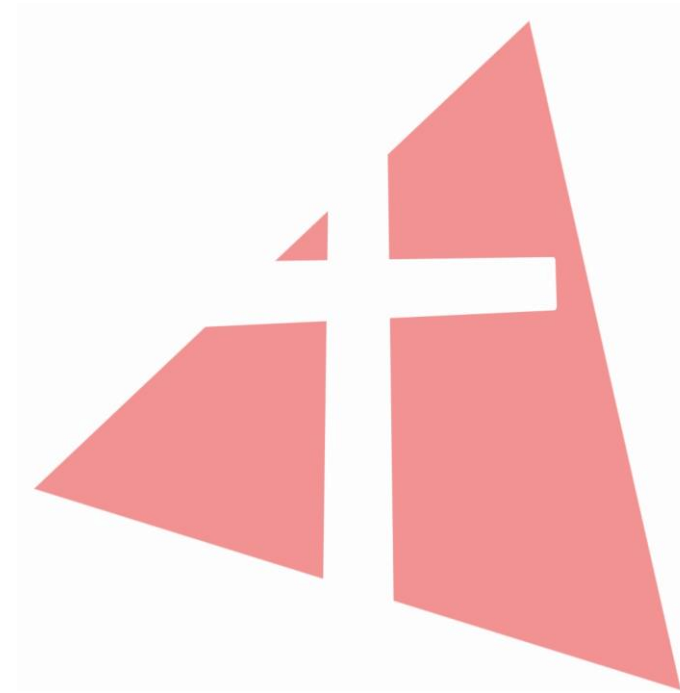
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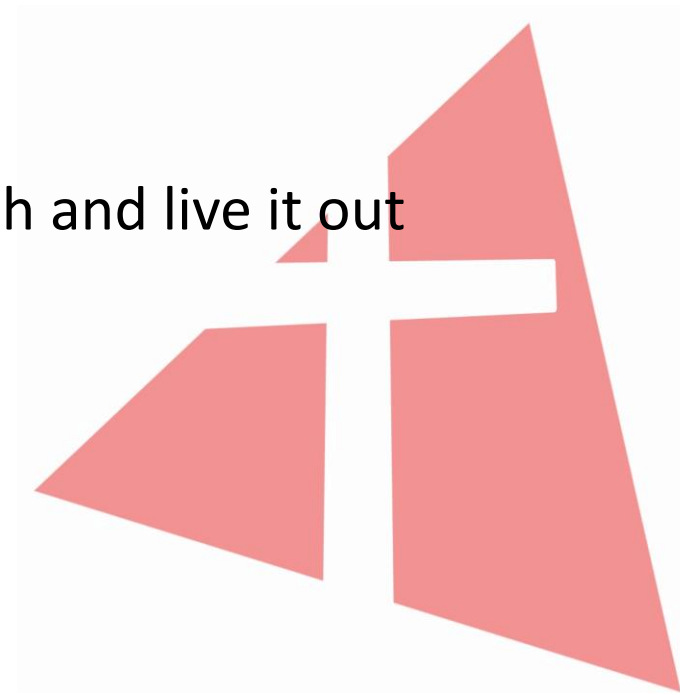
SINGLENES

- A sensitive topic



THE BIBLE ON SINGLENES

- **What does the Bible say about singleness?**
 - If you are single: Embrace it
 - If you are married: Communicate the Truth and live it out



REALITY

- **Marriage doesn't fulfill you**
- **God does**

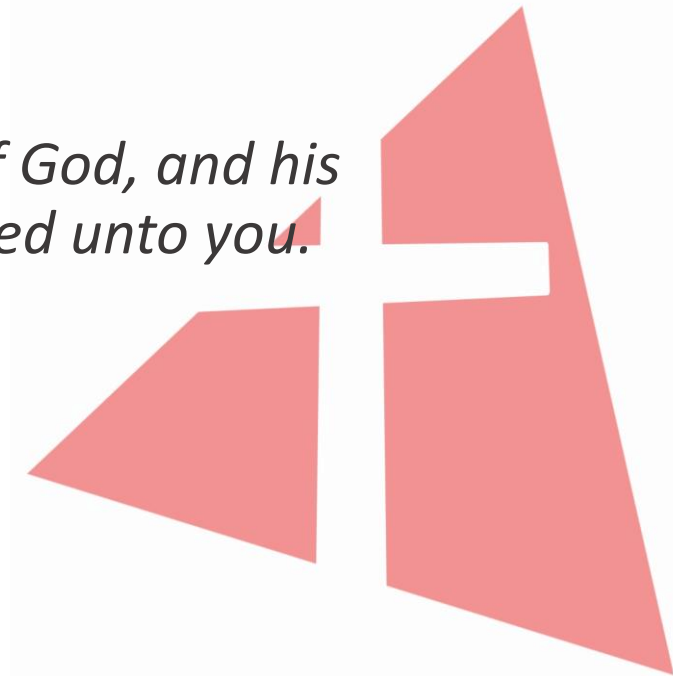
If you are an unhappy single today, you will be an unhappy married person after 1 year of marriage



REALITY

- **Marriage needs to be surrendered to God**

Matthew 6:33 But seek you first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.



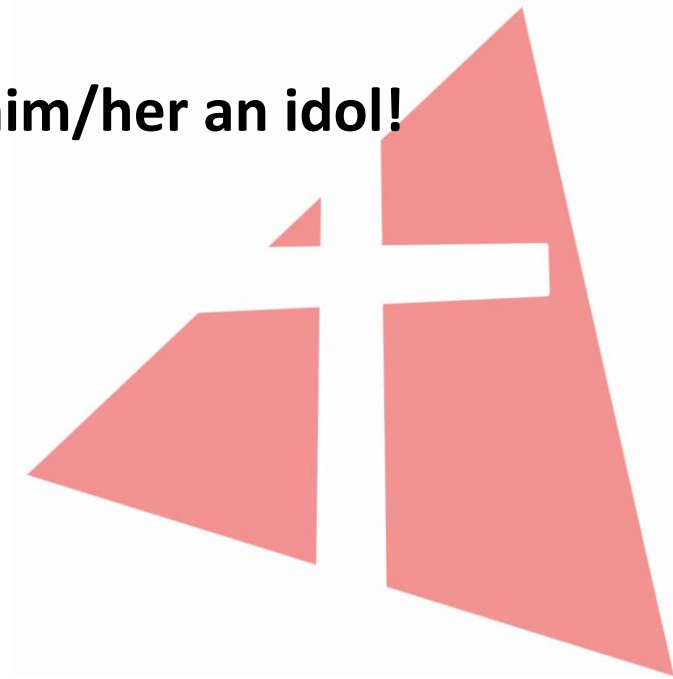
REALITY

- **Marriage without God in the center will never satisfy**
 - Marrying the person that God wants us to marry
 - Putting our trust, hopes and expectations in God, not in our spouse
 - Making God our priority before our spouse



REALITY

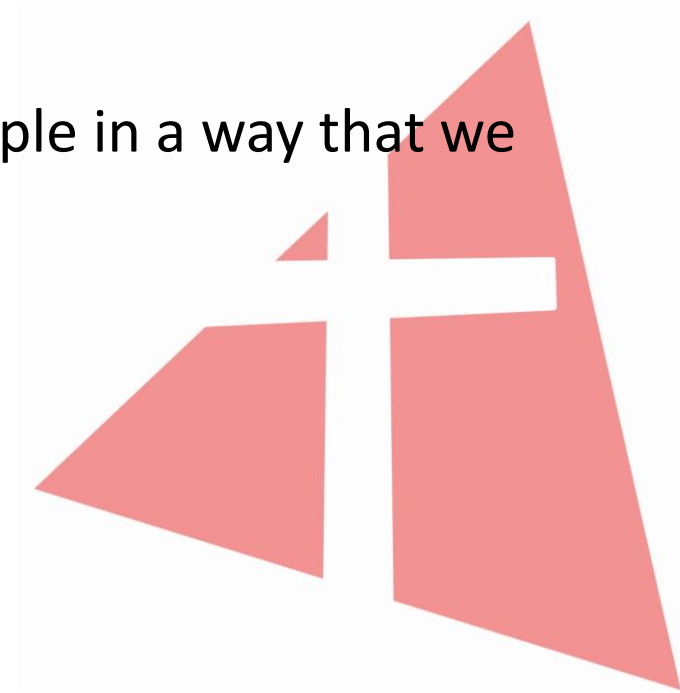
- **Giving God's place to our spouse is making him/her an idol!**



THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

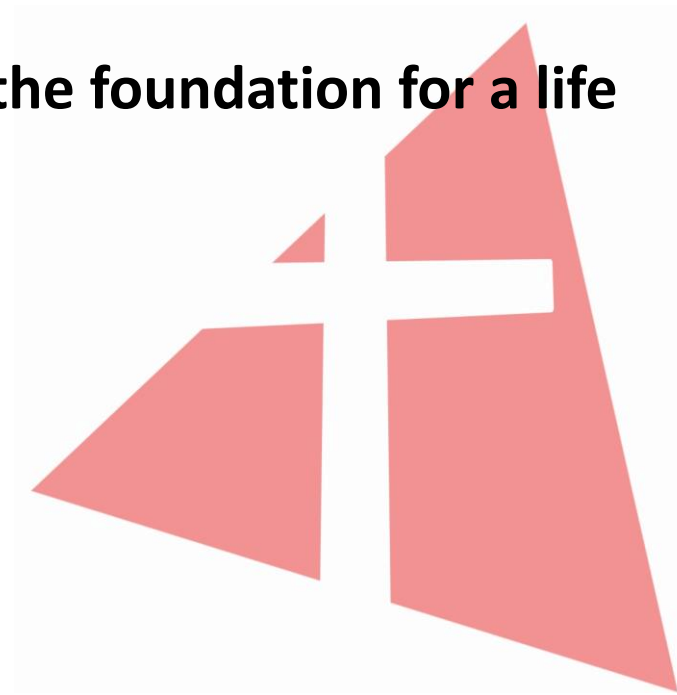
- **Marriage is for the Glory of God**

- How can I/we bring Glory to God as a couple in a way that we could not do as singles?



THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

- **Feelings are wonderful, but they cannot be the foundation for a life long relationship**



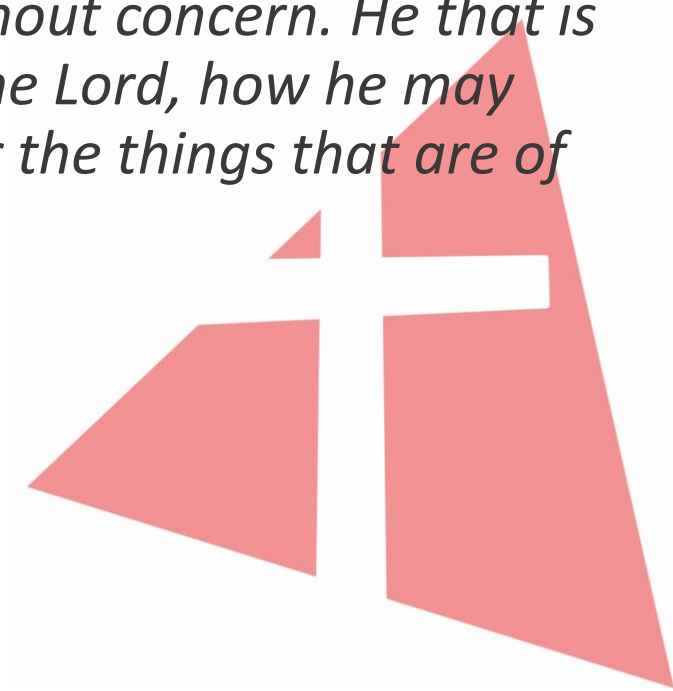
SINGLENES IS A GIFT

1 Corinthians 7:7-9 For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man has his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot have self-control, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn with passion.



SINGLENES IS A GIFT

1 Corinthians 7:32-33 But I would have you without concern. He that is unmarried cares for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: But he that is married cares for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.



SINGLENES HAS ADVANTAGES

- **We can do things while we are single that we cannot do any longer once we are married**



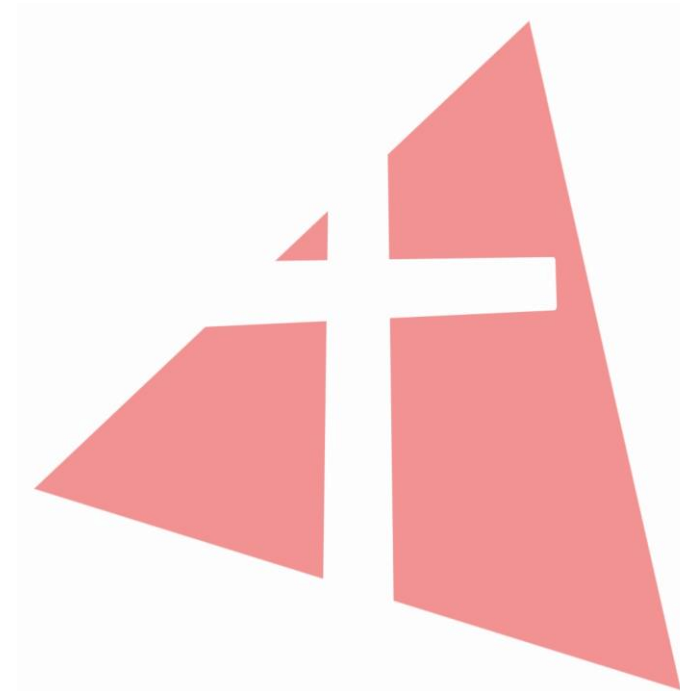
SINGLENESSE HAS ADVANTAGES

- **Singleness can only be seen as a gift if I put my trust in Jesus**
 - If I put my trust in a person/marriage, then I cannot enjoy singleness



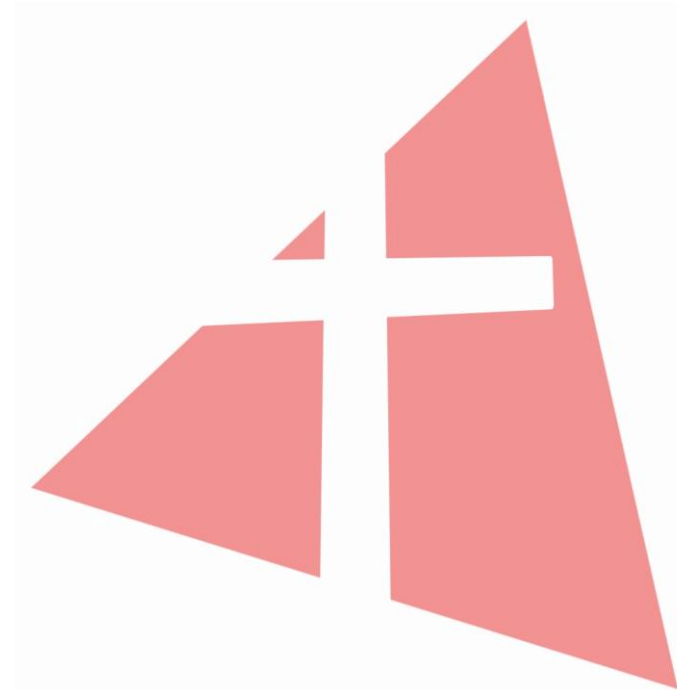
SOME PEOPLE ARE CALLED TO REMAIN SINGLE

- **Some people are called to remain single**
 - ... for a time
 - ... for life



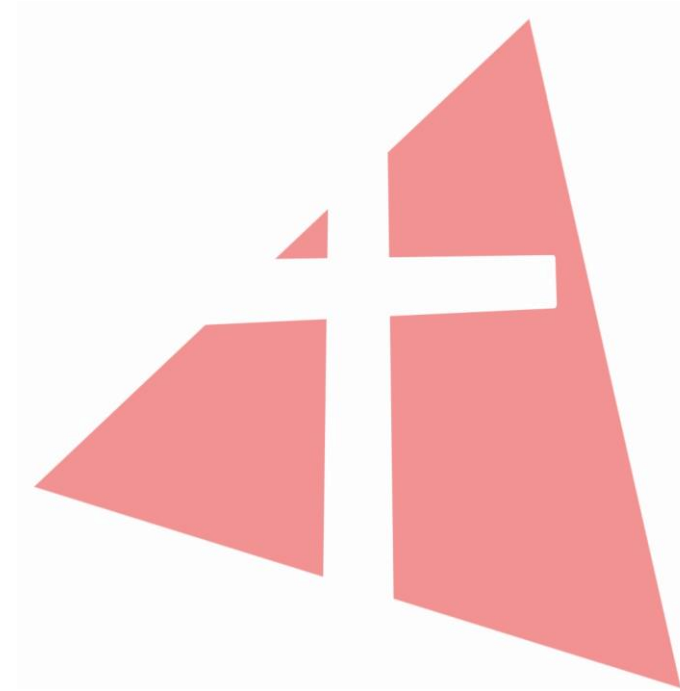
THE STAGES

- Singleness
- ~~○ Dating~~
- Betrothal (Engagement)
- Marriage



GOD HAS REQUIREMENTS FOR PURSUING MARRIAGE

- **Not everybody is ready for marriage**



GOD HAS REQUIREMENTS FOR PURSUING MARRIAGE

- Pursuing marriage before we fulfill God's requirement is terrible sin



GOD HAS REQUIREMENTS FOR PURSUING MARRIAGE

- Independence from parents

Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.



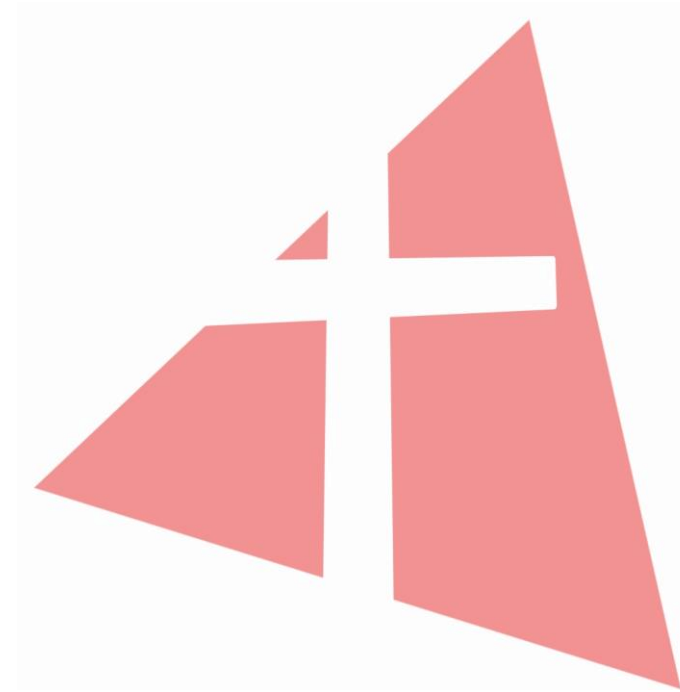
GOD HAS REQUIREMENTS FOR PURSUING MARRIAGE

- **Christians should only marry other Christians**

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 Be you not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship has righteousness with unrighteousness? and what partnership has light with darkness? And what harmony has Christ with Belial? or what part has he that believes with an infidel? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? for you are the temple of the living God; as God has said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Therefore come out from among them, and be you separate, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and you shall be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

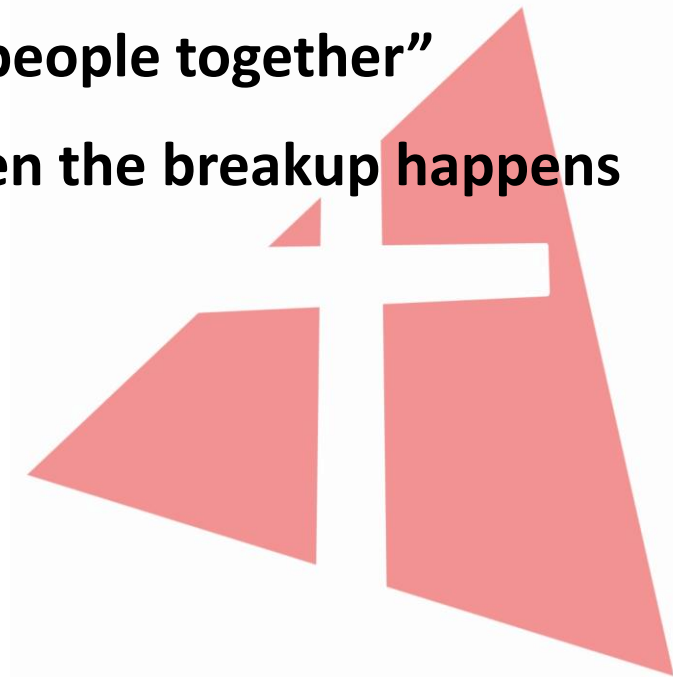
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- You have to be ready for children



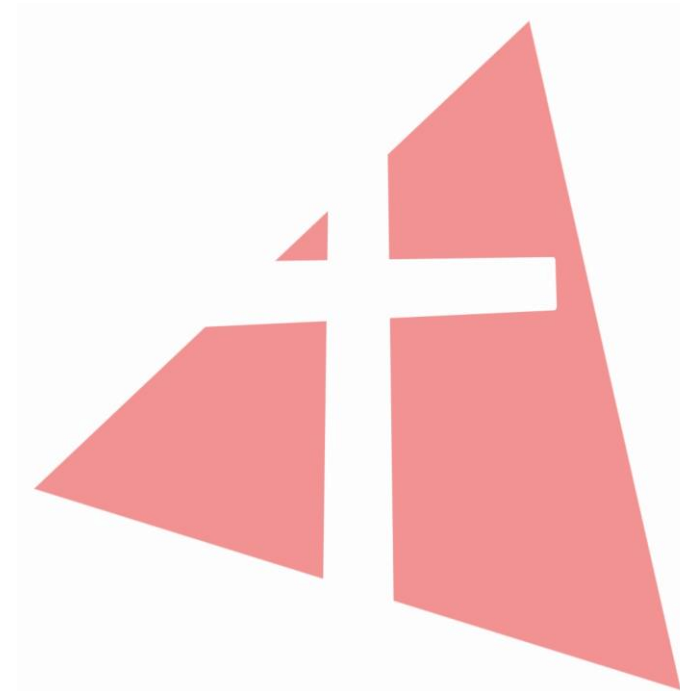
STAY AWAY FROM MATCHMAKERS

- Matchmakers take great pride in “getting 2 people together”
- Matchmakers will be nowhere near you when the breakup happens



NEXT SERMON

- **From singleness to marriage**



IN CONCLUSION

- Singleness is a great gift
- If you are single: Embrace the time, make the most of it
- If you are married: Protect singles from the world's lies

