

Family Seasons: Lesson #4 – When Alone

Eccles 4:9–12, Phil 4:11–13, 1 Cor 7:25–34, Matt 19:8, Gen 37:34, Isa 54:5

Memory Verse

Genesis 2:18 (NKJV) “And the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him’ ”

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Companionship

Ecclesiastes 4:9–12 (NKJV) *Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. ¹¹Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm alone? ¹²Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.*

Mark 6:7 (NKJV) *And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out **two by two**, and gave them power over unclean spirits.*

Luke 10:1 (NKJV) *After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them **two by two** before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.*

John 16:32 (NKJV) *Indeed the hour is coming, yes, has now come, that you will be scattered, each to his own, and will leave Me alone. And yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.*

Philippians 4:11–13 (NKJV) *Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹²I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. ¹³I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.*

***Mark 14:33–34** (NKJV) *And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed. ³⁴Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch.”*

Matthew 28:20 (NKJV) *teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.*

Hebrews 13:5 (NKJV) *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “**I will never leave you nor forsake you.**”*

The Unmarried Life

Jeremiah 16:1–2 (NKJV) *The word of the Lord also came to me, saying, ²“You shall not take a wife, nor shall you have sons or daughters in this place.”*

Matthew 24:19 (NKJV) *But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!*

***Luke 23:29** (NKJV) *For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!’*

1 Corinthians 7:8–9 (NKJV) *But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am; ⁹but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn with passion.*

1 Corinthians 7:25–34 (NKJV) *Now concerning virgins: I have no commandment from the Lord; yet I give judgment as one whom the Lord in His mercy has made trustworthy. ²⁶I suppose therefore that this is good because of the present distress—that it is good for a man to remain as he is: ²⁷Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? Do not seek a wife. ²⁸But even if you do marry, you have not sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Nevertheless such will have trouble in the flesh, but I would spare you. ²⁹But this I say, brethren, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none, ³⁰those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess, ³¹and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form of this world is passing away. ³²But I want you to be without care. He who is unmarried cares for the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord. ³³But he who is married cares about the things of the world—how he may please his wife. ³⁴There is a difference between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman cares about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit. But she who is married cares about the things of the world—how she may please her husband.*

Matthew 19:12 (NKJV) *For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it.”*

When a Marriage Ends

Genesis 21:14 (NKJV) *So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water; and putting it on her shoulder, he gave it and the boy to Hagar, and sent her away. Then she departed and wandered in the Wilderness of Beersheba.*

1 Corinthians 7:13–15 (NKJV) *And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him.*

¹⁴ *For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.* ¹⁵ *But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace.*

Malachi 2:15–16 (NKJV) *And this is the second thing you do: You cover the altar of the Lord with tears, With weeping and crying; So He does not regard the offering anymore, Nor receive it with goodwill from your hands.* ¹⁴ *Yet you say, “For what reason?” Because the Lord has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant.* ¹⁵ *But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. “Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.* ¹⁶ *For the Lord God of Israel says That **He hates divorce**, For it covers one’s garment with violence,” Says the Lord of hosts. Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously.”*

***John 4:17–18** (NKJV) *The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “**You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’** ¹⁸ *for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”**

Matthew 19:4–9 (NKJV) *And He answered and said to them, “**Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’** ⁵ *and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’?* ⁶ *So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”* They said to Him, “*Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?*” He said to them, “*Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.* ⁹ *And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.”**

Death and Loneliness

Isaiah 57:1–2 (NKJV) *The righteous perishes, And no man takes it to heart; Merciful men are taken away, While no one considers That the righteous is taken away from evil.* ² *He shall enter into peace; They shall rest in their beds, Each one walking in his uprightness.*

Revelation 21:4 (NKJV) *And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”*

1 Thessalonians 4:17–18 (NKJV) *Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.* ¹⁸ *Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

Genesis 25:1–2 (NKJV) *Abraham again took a wife, and her name was Keturah.* ² *And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah.*

Spiritually Single

Psalms 102:7 (NKJV) *I lie awake, And am like a sparrow alone on the housetop.*

Isaiah 54:5 (NKJV) *For your Maker is your husband, The Lord of hosts is His name; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.*

Hosea 2:19–20 (NKJV) *“I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy; ²⁰ I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, And you shall know the Lord.*

Psalms 72:12 (NKJV) *For He will deliver the needy when he cries, The poor also, and him who has no helper.*