

SERMON NOTES

October 5 & 6, 2024

It's Ok to Not be Ok: Singleness, Marriage & Divorce
Psalm 88

True – False – Maybe

1. If you find the right person, _____.

Colossians 3:4 | Proverbs 27:15
The Message

2. There is _____ out there for you.

I Corinthians 7: 27b - 29, 31b

3. If you're in a bad marriage, it will be healed _____ enough.

Matthew 19:7-8

4. Your unbelieving spouse will become a Christian _____.

Life Steps

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Monday

Psalm 88

Reflect: How do you identify with the writer of Psalm 88? What was your primary takeaway from the weekend message?

Prayer: Lord, I cry to you for help because I trust you. Hear my prayers...

Tuesday

Matthew 19:1-11

Reflect: Jesus said God made an accommodation in the law for weakness in relationships. What is the weakness? What might this tell you about some of your difficult relationships?

Prayer: God, soften my heart and help me be open to forgive, even reconciliation, with those I have harmed and who have harmed me.

Wednesday

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Reflect: Where have you, or do you tend to, stop trusting God in relationships? Identify your relationships that need some repairing. What is your next action step?

Prayer: God, the roots of my soul yearn to drink from the streams of your living water. Refresh me so I might refresh others.

Thursday

Colossians 3:1-4

Reflect: There are two you's, the current sinful you and the glorious you. What are the characteristics of the sinful you that might damage your key relationships? How might your key relationships be richer and stronger if the "glorious" you showed up more often?

Prayer: Grace-filled God, forgive me for my selfish ways and help me to be more focused on the needs of others.

Friday

I Corinthians 7:27-31

Reflect: What is the essence of Paul's counsel to singles? If you are single, how does this passage challenge you? Single or married, what is your response to this statement from the message? "Marriage is not the road to happily ever after"

Prayer: Jesus, I know that you are my only hope for living happily ever after. Help me to depend and live in you with every breath I take. Use me to breathe life into others.

Saturday

Matthew 1:1-16

Reflect: Notice how many people in the family tree of Jesus had messy relationships. Meditate on how, since God used fallible people to be in the family tree of Jesus, God can redeem your broken or imperfect relationships.

Prayer: Here I am, Lord, sin-filled and broken. Use me to be a blessing to others, especially those you have placed in the inner circle of my life.

Sunday

Luke 2:41-46

Reflect: All of his life, Jesus was known for the questions he asked. "Who touched me?" "Who do you say that I am?" "Whose image is on this coin?" "What do you want?" Jesus understood asking questions deepened relationships while being "right" all the time damaged them. Identify some open-ended questions that, when asked, can deepen your relationship with others. Be a question asker at church today.

Prayer: God, you entered into our world, in the person of Jesus, to show us how much you loved us. Help me to enter into the world of others so they, too, might experience your great love for them.