

Rock Church Pastor Miles McPherson | Ephesians 2:10 | February 21, 2021

## D12 Monthly Focus for February: Gracefully gives and received forgiveness.

In this message, Pastor Miles interviewed four single people to learn more about their perspective of being single and how singleness relates to their relationship with God. Susanna, Israel, Elliott, and Brenda shared their stories of how God came into their lives and how they relate God's love to others by being single.

- 1. Susanna discussed how it is important to be in accountable community as a single person. Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." Do you have a group of Godly people that you can be vulnerable with to help you through the challenges of life?
- 2. Israel describe how setting boundaries are an important way of loving people and that it is important to be around people who bring the best out of you. Proverbs 27:6 says, "Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy." What kinds of friendships do you have? Are they God honoring friendships? Or are they destructive?
- 3. Elliot shared how singleness is an opportunity to get closer to God. John 14:23 reads, "Jesus answered him, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." What does it mean to truly read and obey God's Word?
- 4. Brenda expressed how singleness is a choice that we can intentionally make. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 7:7-8, "I wish that all men were as I am. But each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that. Now to the unmarried and the widows I say: It is good for them to stay unmarried, as I am." In what way is singleness a gift from God?

## This Month's Memory Verse:

"Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also *must* do." ~Colossians 3:10

## This Week's Bible Reading / The Bible Project Videos:

Proverbs 7-8: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/proverbs/</u> Numbers 34-36: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/numbers/</u> Deuteronomy 1-17: <u>https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/deuteronomy/</u>

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