

*Sacred Singleness:  
The Set-Apart Girl's Guide to Purpose and Fulfillment*

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Chapter 1: Forsaking All

*Discussion Questions:*

1. Leslie begins Chapter One with a story about her relationship with a man who was a Christian but not "a bond servant of Jesus Christ". Are you tempted to date men who are Christians but not as spiritually mature as you feel called to date? Is this out of fear that men who are truly committed to Jesus no longer exist?
2. Have you ever heard God's voice telling you that a relationship was not His best for you? How did you respond?
3. Read John 4:1-26. What is the hardest part about truly believing that Jesus can satisfy all of your deepest longings?
4. Do you feel like you have the "right" to be married? How does your answer compare to a right to happiness, wealth, health, or children?
5. What is the one thing that stops you the most from laying your singleness at Jesus' feet even if it means your prayers for a husband are not answered?
6. "I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead." Philippians 3:10

How does Philippians 3:10 leave you feeling? Do you believe that God will give you His power to enable you to live out this truth?

*This Week's Prayer:*

Dear Jesus, we pray this week that you will give us the courage to surrender all of our dreams, desires, and selves to your will – whatever that may be. We know that you love us more than we can ever imagine, you know what's best for us, and that you do have a perfect plan for our lives. Lord, help us to fall into that plan. Please remind us daily that we cannot live surrendered to you in our own power. We must rely on you to provide your power to us. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the gift of a relationship with our Maker – the only One who can supply all of our needs.