

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

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Chapter 2: The Pattern of True Christianity

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you feel like the idea of surrendering everything, even good hopes and dreams, back to Jesus is extreme? What holds you back from doing so?
2. What inspires you the most about Jim and Elisabeth Elliott's love story?
3. Do you feel like surrendering your desire for marriage to Jesus is different than surrendering other dreams, hopes, or desires that you have for your life and future? Do you believe that there will not be other hardships in life that have to be put at the feet of Jesus?
4. Is there any doubt in your mind that truly surrendering to Christ's will for your life will lead to indescribable peace and joy?
5. If you examined your heart and motives fully, would you find that you have been trying to make a bargain with God feeling like if you surrender to Him then He will give you the marriage you desire?
6. Read Psalm 37:4. When I was a single woman, Psalm 37:4 was a verse that my girlfriends and I would discuss at lengths. We wanted so badly for it to be our magic potion for getting what we wanted. But it simply is not. It is much, much more. Have you misinterpreted this verse thinking that it is a fast way to having your desires met? How has your understanding changed since reading chapter 2?

This Week's Prayer:

Oh, Lord, the words in chapter two of this book are so humbly. Thank you for the wisdom you have shown me through them. Please forgive me for putting my own desires, hopes, dreams, and emotions above you. Forgive me if I have tried to manipulate you or your Word by expecting something in return for my obedience. Jesus, I want to experience your supernatural peace and joy that only comes from laying my life – all of it – at your feet. Through your power and strength working within me please help me to yield completely to you.

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