

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

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Chapter 8: Doesn't God Want Me to Be Happy?

Discussion Questions:

1. "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." (Matthew 16:24)

Denying our desires for what Christ ultimately desires for us, especially when those desires are good, is a foreign concept in our American culture. But this is the essence of true Christianity.

How does the idea of giving up your life for the higher calling of what God desires for you make you feel? What would that look like in your every day life?

2. "May the God of all grace, who called use to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you." (1 Peter 5:10)

When you read these words do you truly believe in the joy that is on the other side of suffering?

3. "Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation." (Philippians 2:14-15)

Do you think of whining and complaining about your singleness as a sin? Is there a way to be honest about our feelings without sinning?

This Week's Prayer:

Lord Jesus, thank you for the unmatched opportunity that I have as a single woman to serve you. I pray that each day I will grow closer to completely surrendering my desires for your desires for me so that I can experience your supernatural joy. Please help me to live this life you have given me, in this moment, without complaining. I want to be blameless and pure in your sight. Thank you, Jesus, for denying yourself on the Cross so that I can know you and have a relationship with you. Amen.