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## Focus Up

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### TODAY'S READING: 1 Corinthians 7

Paul gives a lot of examples about relationships in this passage: If you are married, single, married to a nonbeliever, etc. What is the purpose of all this? I believe it is focus. I also believe it is contentment. In verse 17 Paul states, *"Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him."*

For years when I was single, I went through waves of being totally sold out for God and focused on Him and not distracted by the fact that I was single. Then I went through phases where I allowed myself to be discontent being single and being confused and even angry with God. I think the overall intent of this passage with all its specifics is to be content with the phase of life God has you in now. Now I am married with kids. I love my wife and kids. I do not have alone time like I used to have, but I remember hating that I had too much alone time.

I believe we are to be all in for God in the phase where He has us and look to serve Him wherever we find ourselves. There are joys, sadness, pros and cons to each of the life stages. God uses us differently depending on the stage we are in. When single, I had a lot of free time to spend doing ministry. I have less time now, but students can look at my life and ask questions about what it is like to be a husband and a dad? How do we live our lives out as godly husbands or dads? I could not have answered those questions nine years ago, but now I can share my experiences.

**PRAYER:** God, help me to be focused on you and content with my relationships around me. Help me lead my family and myself to love You more every day.

### TOMORROW'S READING: 1 Corinthians 8

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