

Today, there are more than 100 million people on dating apps like Tinder and OkCupid. Yet, somehow, finding the right person to date and marry has not gotten easier. Dating can be a long, discouraging process. But, no matter what our relationship status is, we can be confident that we have a God who loves us and is guiding our steps—and in that, we're never alone.

Discussion Questions

- 1. If you're single, what are the qualities and characteristics you look for in someone to date? Why? If you're married, what are some of the best qualities your spouse has?
- 2. **Read 1 Corinthians 7:32-38.** Why do you think Paul is suggesting a person remains unmarried? In your opinion, what are some benefits of being single?
- 3. **Read 2 Corinthians 6:14.** How would dating (and potentially marrying) an unbeliever cause issues in a relationship when it comes to raising your kids, how to spend your money, or how to spend your time?
- 4. No matter what season of life you're in, what small steps can you take toward becoming a more humble, generous, kind, loving person? What in your life needs to change for that to happen?

Challenge

Think about your answers to question four. Pray about these changes you'd like to make, then write out a plan for the rest of January, taking one actionable step each week to help you get started. At the end of the month, reflect on how your attitude, outlook, and actions have changed as a result.

Commit to Memory

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not disaster, to give you a hope and a future." **Jeremiah 29:11**