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Retrieving the Gift of Singlehood

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1 Cor 7: 17 - 40

Ps Richard Lau's
sermon

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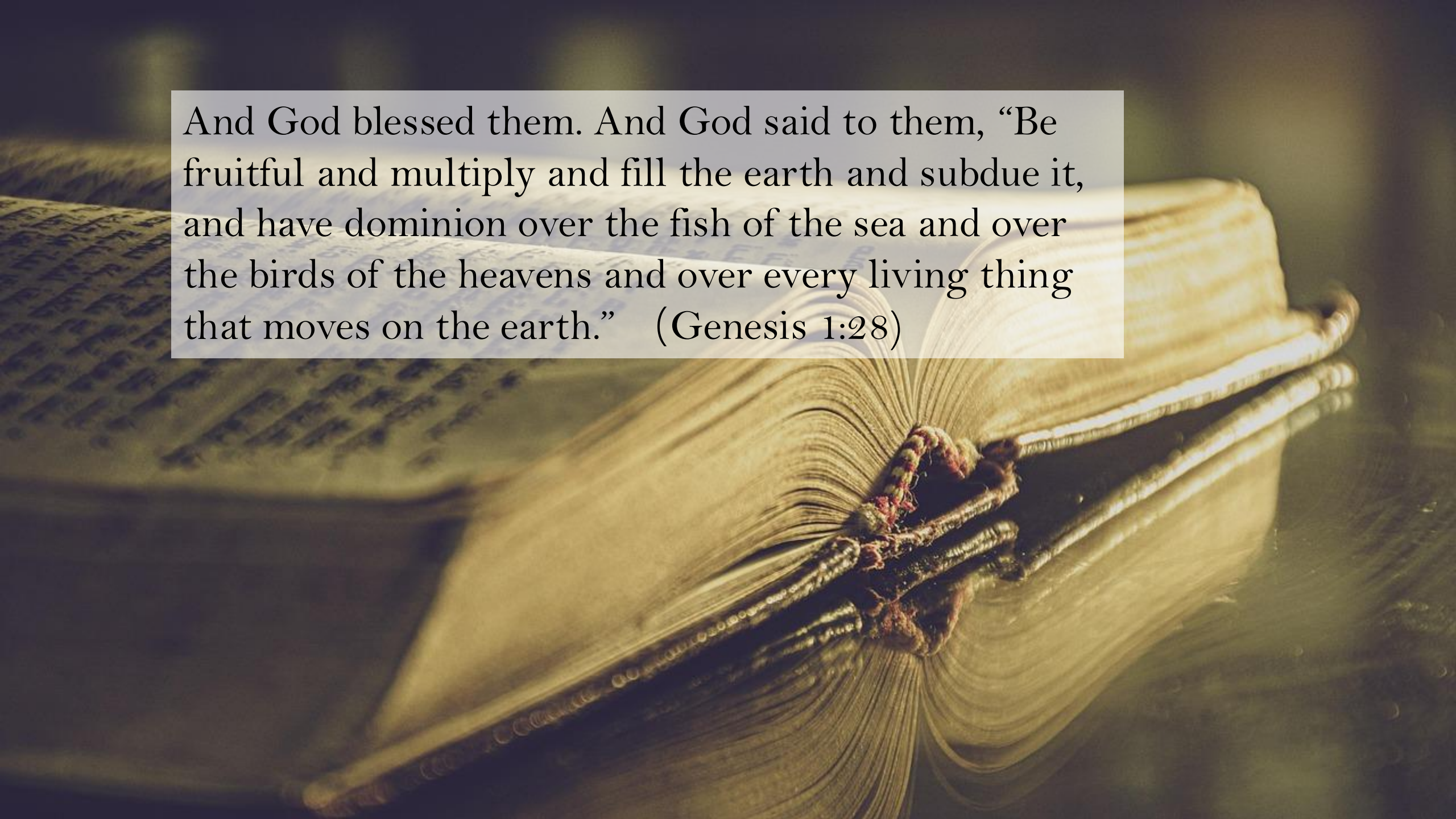
- Whether married or single, your life is a **gift**; you belong wholly to Christ.
- Your present station is a holy **calling**; you belong to Christ.
- **Remain**: Stay rooted in contentment, trust, and faithfulness; you belong wholly to Christ.
- Return in your heart again and again to Christ in undivided **devotion**; you belong wholly to Christ.



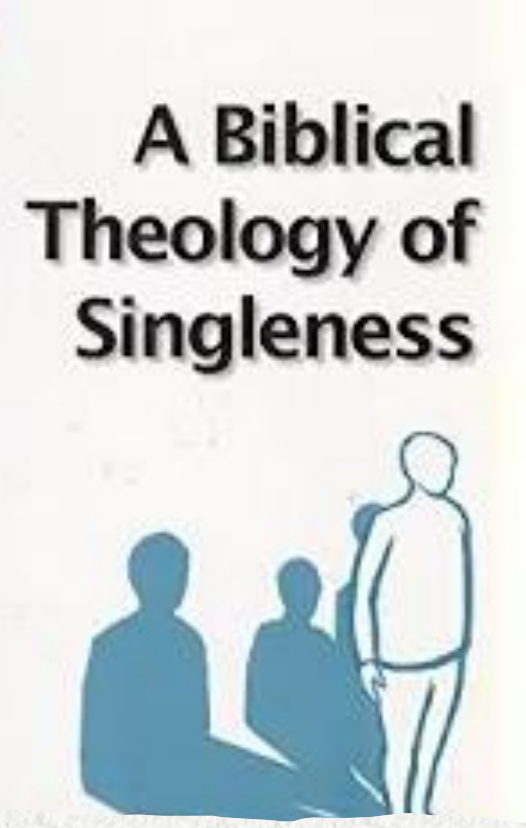
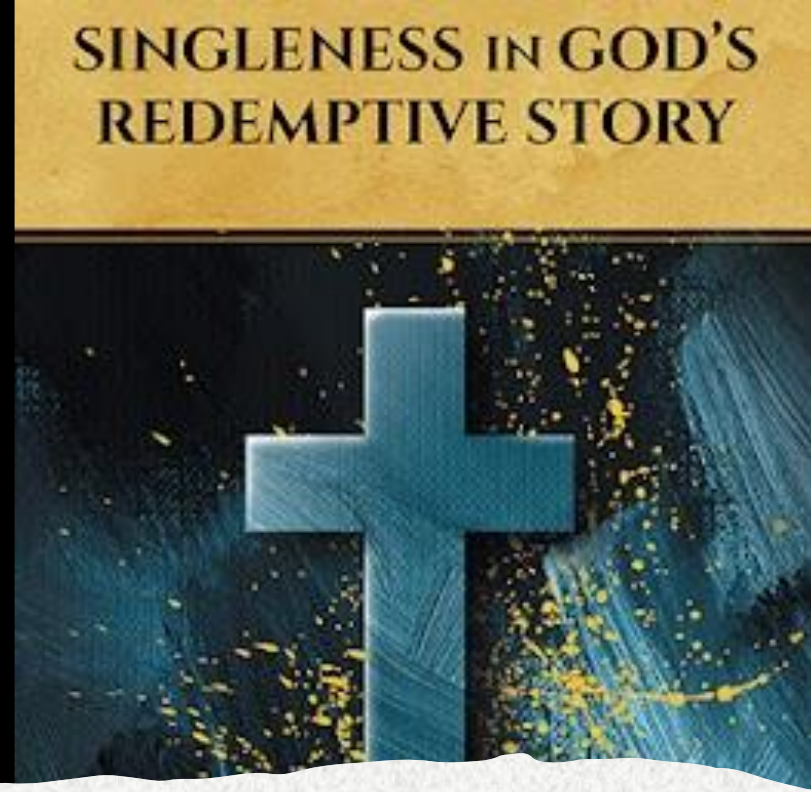
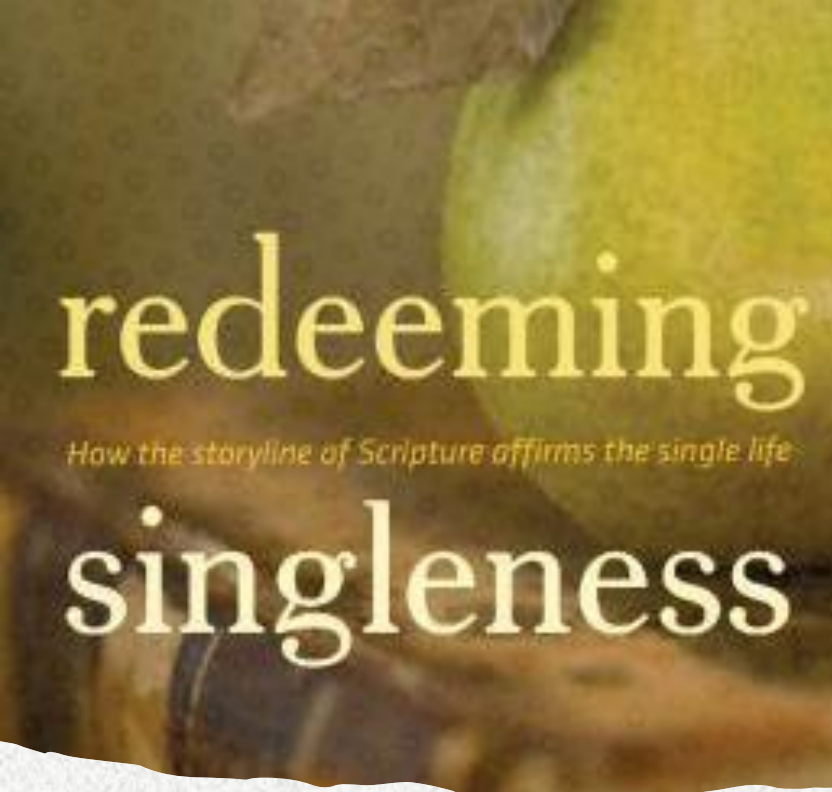
v 17 – 24: Remain in the state you were in when called

v25: Now concerning the betrothed, I have **no command** from the Lord, but I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy.





And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (Genesis 1:28)



“Of the three great monotheistic religions of modern time, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, only Christianity affirms singleness as a distinctive calling and gift within the community of God’s people.”

Barry Danylak

But Jesus answered them, “You are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. (Matt 22:29 – 30)

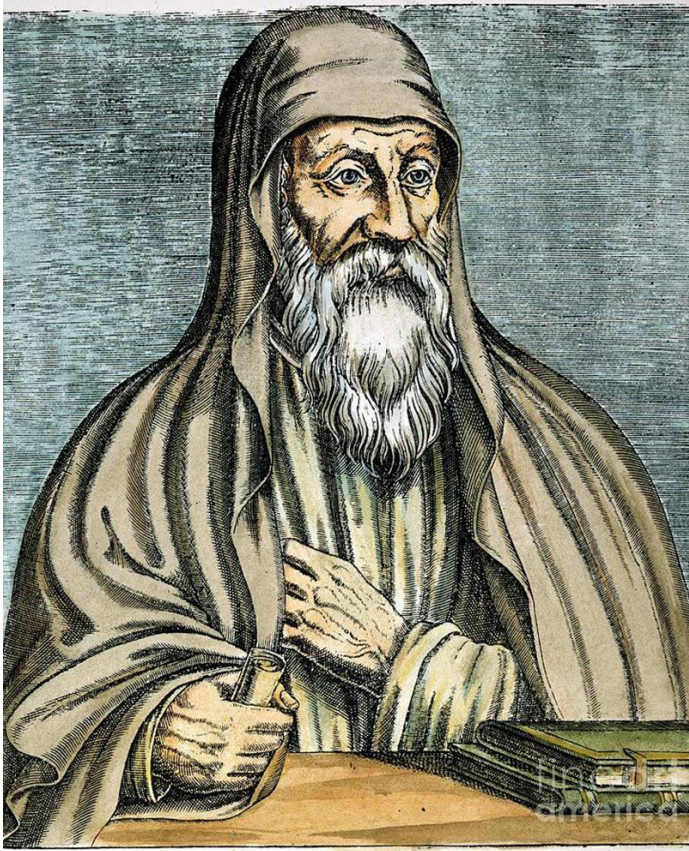




“Marriage and singleness represent different but equally important aspects of the divine nature. Both are legitimate options for Christians. Both have a gift to offer the one people of God as the body of Christ seeks to reflect the divine nature.” Stanley Grenz

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. (1 Cor 7:29–31)





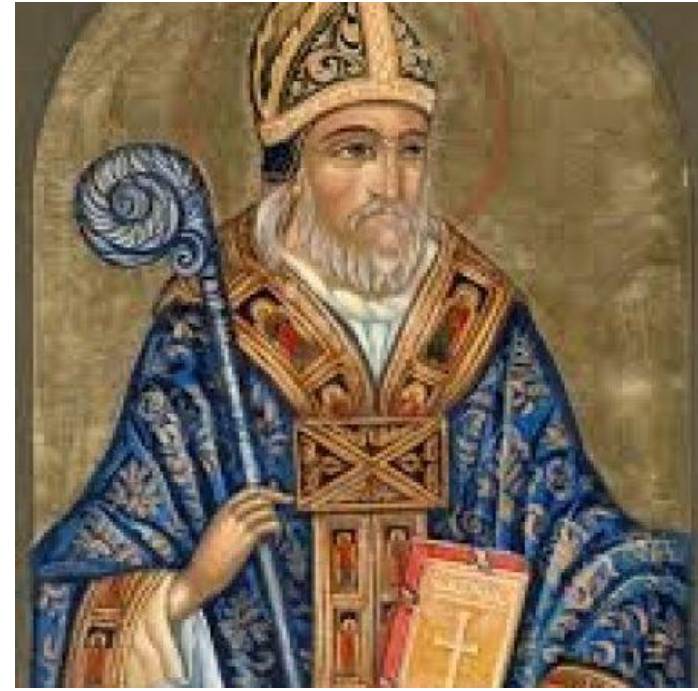
Origen of
Alexandria
(c. 185 – c. 253)



John Chrysostom
(c. 347 – 407)



Gregory of Nyssa
(c. 335 – c. 394)



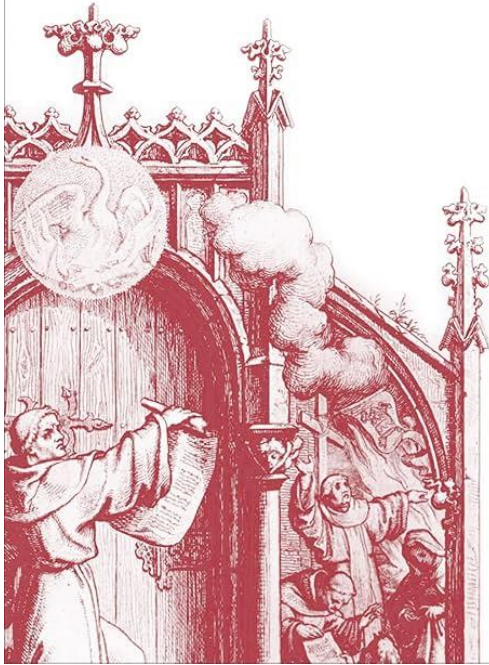
Bishop Aldhelm (639 – 709)

“virginity is riches,
chastity an average income,
and conjugality poverty.”

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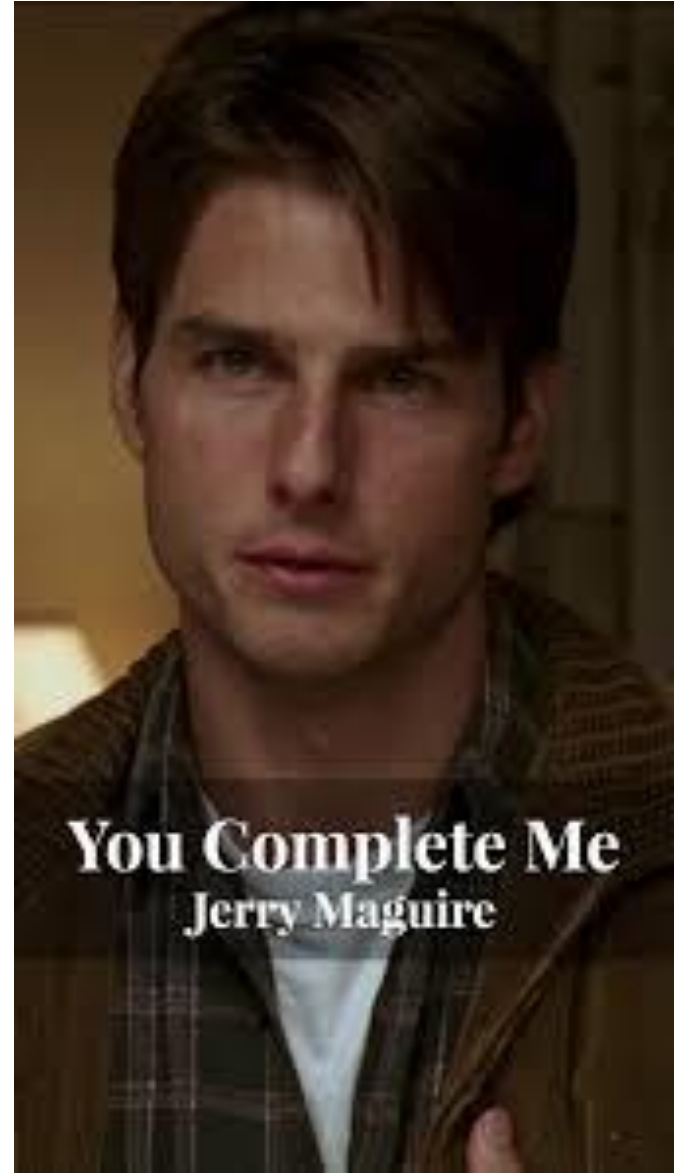
"VITALLY IMPORTANT." —DAVID BROOKS

GET MARRIED

WHY AMERICANS MUST DEFEY
THE ELITES, FORGE STRONG FAMILIES,
AND SAVE CIVILIZATION

BRAD WILCOX







The developed biblical idea of God's calling is of God summoning men by his Word and laying hold of them by his power to play a part in and enjoy the benefits of his gracious redemptive purposes....

Divine utterance is creative, causing to exist the state of affairs which it declares to be intended. The thought in this case is of an act of summoning that effectively evokes from those addressed the response which it invites.




“In the earlier days when I saw my friends getting married, I thought I desired a good thing. I had really honest conversations with God, praying and wondering when my time would come.

“The word that described the season was ‘being consumed’. I was consumed by that longing, that bitterness. In that season, I realised it was idolatry. I couldn’t do anything else apart from that.

The result of that season of wrestling with God was a surrendered soul.

“What I want in every season, what I must strive for, what must remain priority is not what I think is a good thing, but whatever God thinks is good for me. And, to perceive that through focusing on being worshipful and seeking God first.”

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