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Sermon Title: **God and Our Bodies: Singleness**

Speaker: **Helen Kim Nowalk, Pastor of Community Life**

Scripture: **Matthew 19:10-12, Matthew 22:23-32**

¹⁰ The disciples said to him, "If this is the situation between a husband and wife, it is better not to marry."

¹¹ Jesus replied, "Not everyone can accept this word, but only those to whom it has been given. ¹² For there are eunuchs who were born that way, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by others—and there are those who choose to live like eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. The one who can accept this should accept it. (*Matthew 19 – NIV*)

²³ That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. ²⁴ "Teacher," they said, "Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. ²⁵ Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. ²⁶ The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. ²⁷ Finally, the woman died. ²⁸ Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?" ²⁹ Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. ³⁰ At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. ³¹ But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, ³² 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'^[a]? He is not the God of the dead but of the living." (*Matthew 22 – NIV*)

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, Helen Kim Nowalk, Pastor of Community Life, continues our sermon series entitled God and Our Bodies. Today Pastor Helen explores what scripture says about singleness and how singles contribute to the kingdom of God and the church at large.

Sermon Questions:

1. What are the blessings and challenges of singleness in the Christian journey, speaking from your own experience or what you have seen in lives around you?
2. What does it mean for singles to live for the kingdom of God? What does it mean for marrieds to live for the kingdom of God? How are they complementary?
3. What is your response to theologian Danielle Treweek's analogy that marriage is a foreshadow of the love we look forward to, while singleness is a foretaste or signpost reminding us of where we are headed (a time of no marriage and complete fullness in God)?
4. How have you viewed and interacted with singles in your life? What are practical ways that you meaningfully engage singles in your life? If you are single, what are meaningful ways marrieds have interacted with you?