

### Chapter 1 : Spiritually Single | Ramblings

*It was a strange feeling to stand in front of hundreds of Father's Day cards knowing I would not be purchasing one for you. My eyes scanned over the various sections of cards: dad, grandfather, son, son-in-law, husband.*

March 16, in Uncategorized with 0 Comments I arrived at church with 5 seconds to spare, according to the timer on the screen God is still in the business of miracles! Quickly, I planted myself in an aisle seat for my quick escape at the end of the service. I realized, pleasantly, that I was in a row of all females. Nice! Then I spotted them about three rows up. Through out worship, throughout the message, even during communion, you had a hand on each other! So here I am in my super-optimum aisle spot, in a row of all women, watching YOU, a couple engaged in near foreplay! While I stood there alone. Or sat there alone. You made me feel inadequate. You made me feel unlucky, unblessed. You made me feel alone. You were a brutal distraction. I wanted to approach you after service and ask: Others who might not be interested in observing your canoodling? But I said nothing. You see, I am a spiritually single wife. I go to church as often as I can and when I do, I go alone. I am not easily distracted, because I treasure this time, though I always wish my husband was along. Even if he acts sullen or like a putz. I would rather his unlistening ears hear the same message as me. The word of God will eventually penetrate. I was glad he was not with me on this Sunday. I would have been embarrassed to explain your selfish and oblivious behavior. Gropers, we are here. As well as others who find your behavior too personal in public. We are in your churches. It is harder for us to get there. Keep your public displays of affection private, or at least at a minimum. Share it with me! I may be able to include it in an upcoming blog post! Sign up for our newsletter Email Address.

**Chapter 2 : Spiritual Matchmaking Dating Sites | Meet Your Soulmate**

*Spiritual Singles is the best spiritual dating site to meet mindful singles. Ready for a conscious relationship? Join an evolved, conscious dating site.*

There are some common beliefs that come along with the label "Christian. But I am not Perfect This is probably the most common stereotypical label placed on anyone who claims to be of Christian faith. My flaws are huge. I need God for the reason that I am not perfect. I will make mistakes. Every day I will fail. He asks for my best effort. Yes, I am Christian. But I am not perfect. And that is exactly why I need God. I am a Christian. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. Each of these scriptures, if read or quoted without its entirety, can definitely be made to read as though God expects His faithful believers to be doormats. But, as believers, we know this not to be true of our God. I see a quality that is worthy of honor and respect. The easiest thing to do when someone verbally attacks us is to fight back with our own words. When we are wronged, it is effortless to retaliate or seek revenge. There is no strength behind retaliation. It takes nothing to fight back. The anger within is eager to retaliate. The true strength is found in dignity. The fight against the fight takes true strength. The strength is in the dignity of our character because we are made in the image of God. We are not doormats. We are stronger than that. Submission, forgiveness, and love are characteristics of the strong. I am a Christian, but I am not I have a sinful nature. I am tempted every day. Yes, I made Jesus the Lord of my life, but that did not erase temptation. Even Jesus was tempted Matthew 4: One of the biggest misconceptions is that because I am a Christian, I am no longer faced with temptation. If anything, I am faced with more temptation than ever because the enemy specifically seeks to take my heart away from God. Just like the enemy went after Jesus, or the way he went after Job Job 1: Just like those of the world, my nature seeks that which is not good for me. We all know the cartoons that pictured a little angel on one shoulder and a little devil on the other I wish my life was free from temptation. I wish I could say to you, "I have no idea what that struggle is like," but the truth is, I can stare you in the eyes and say, "I struggle with that, too. Who am I to judge anyone? For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. We have a list of regrets. I know that life. And I have the solution to your broken heart. Think about each of those things: I used to drink. I used to smoke. I used to party. I sought attention from other men - even though I was married. I used profanity in place of common words. The worst time of my life? The time when I left God. Out of boredom is when I found trouble. My marriage almost ended. I was seeing another man. I spent so much money I almost lost our home. I did everything I could to fill the void in my heart. Maybe if I drink My life was filled with boredom, so I tried to fill it with the things the world promises will cure the emptiness. He will pour so much into your life that you will wonder how you ever lived without Him before. Life with God is never boring. He will fill your heart and your life with more than you could ever imagine. I am a Christian, therefore, I AM

**Chapter 3 : The Cure for the “Perfect” Life | Spiritually Single Wives**

*Spiritually Single, Atlanta, GA. K likes. Mentoring, Inspiring and Daily Encouragement for Singles desiring to honor God while they wait.*

As most of you know we have spent the last weeks talking about relationships with a great emphasis being on the marriage relationship. They show up for everything and just complain about everything. I used to be one of those grumblers whenever there was a sermon series on marriage. I was single for 34 years and hated going to Church when they did sermon series on marriage or parenting or some related topic that left me sitting in the pew feeling left out. I was short sighted though. I was grumbling because I was selfish. I wanted the sermon to apply to me, to my life, and where I was, what I was doing, what I was living through. So that is where I want to start today. If you are not single, divorced, or spiritually single, then you know someone who is. Today we have three short sermons to help bring some closure to the sermon series on marriage. For those of you that may not be married or may not be married to a believer or may not be married any longer, you need to know we are thinking about you, we are praying for you. No matter what your situation in life: You are not your marital status. Do not let your marital status define you. You are a child of God. You do not need a spouse, you do not need a spouse to define you, to complete you, to give you purpose and meaning and influence in life. If you are not married and you want to be married, there is a good chance that you think I am full of bunk. If I just get married, there will be no more lonely days. I will be able to have sex any time I want to; we can take long walks in the park; we will have the happiest stress free family vacations; people will stop asking me when I going to get married. I will finally be normal. It at least makes me feel better. Marriage does not solve your insecurities as a single person: Marriage will NEVER solve your insecurities because even though you think they are attached to being single, the fact is they are attached to you and they go through life with you regardless of what marital status you claim. If you were married, and now have sadly been divorced, you know exactly what I am talking about here. If your marriage does not become a partnership of service to one another, then it can at times be difficult, and at other times impossible. If you do not regularly seek to serve the needs of your spouse, marriage can be very difficult to navigate and in cases impossible to maintain, thus requiring a divorce. Let me say this to you. If you have been divorced, you hate divorce. There was nothing pleasant about it. Getting to the point of divorce is painful enough; the actual divorce just further opens and aggravates a wound that takes months and years to fully heal. Divorce is not an easy way out. Divorce simply swaps one set of problems for another set of problems. Please hear this though: Whatever the conditions of your marriage, God can change you. He will either give you a different way of looking at it, or he will change it all together. God is not impotent just because of a hard heart. He can change our hard hearts. And, no matter what the apparent issue related to divorce, the Bible says divorce is the result of a hard heart. The Bible says divorce is sin. Regardless of who did what to whom, divorce is still sin and that God allows divorce in some situations. The bad news is God hates divorce, regardless of the fault. And, no matter who did what, both husband and wife have participated in the sin of divorce. It might be , , or , both husband and wife contribute to the actions that lead to divorce and the divorce itself. It is among the most devastating experiences in life, and it usually causes more problems than it solves; but it is what it is. No one ever plans for divorce when they get married. God does not condemn a person for getting a divorce. Divorce is not an unpardonable sin. Having a bad marriage and going through divorce does not relegate you to a subservient position in life and it certainly does not relegate you to a subservient position in the kingdom of God or His Church. No matter what your situation in life, you are not your marital status. Divorce is not the unforgiveable sin. A failed marriage does not make you a failure. God is not mad at you. Your divorce does not define you. Finally, our third sermon this morning is for those who are spiritually single. You too have some special challenges in your marriage. You too have a greater responsibility. When your spouse fails to be a spiritual team player, picture yourself yoked with God who lends you His power and hope. I want to give you 7 short tidbits of information that I hope will be helpful to you. However, God promises in James 1: Respond honestly, briefly, and positively to questions about Mommy or Daddy. For example, if your child asks you a question about a

questionable CD your spouse purchased, you can express concern about the issue, while remaining nonjudgmental toward your spouse. This leads to the next point. Speak the truth in love and teach your children to do the same when it comes to an unbelieving parent. Jesus spoke honestly with compassion. Provide a spiritual heritage beyond your home. Make sure your child has a spiritual role model who is the same sex as the unbelieving spouse. Within our local church or community try to find someone or some family who can perform a spiritual adoption. It might be a grandparent, a neighbor, or a church member. If these special people attend our church, then there is the added incentive your child needs to get to church on Sunday morning! This one will always need reinforcement. Find someone to go withâ€”an accountability partner maybe. There may be times when your spouse resents being left behind when you go to church each week? However, use that time for family activity, not sleeping in. Learn to recharge your spiritual batteries. While you may not experience the physical exhaustion of single parenting, your spiritual battles still leave you emotionally wrung out. Remember the encouraging words of Jesus in Matthew: Take my yoke upon you â€” for my yoke is easy and my burden is light. This means we need to flesh out, day by day, a relationship with God that serves others. Do some Christian service with your kids. Put your faith into action and that will give you joy, purpose, and unity as a familyâ€”especially if you can get your spouse to join you. These seven strategies sound solid, but can I apply them all? Take a deep breath and ask God to show you one or two things he wants you to focus on at this moment. Maybe you start out by finding an accountability partner who can encourage you when life seems impossible.

**Chapter 4 : Spiritually Single Wives |**

*The first time I heard the term 'spiritually single' it hit me like one of those enormous wave curls in the ocean that crash over you when you least expect it! I even gasped a little like I'd been splashed, but this time the splash was a new understanding.*

As a child, when you heard thunder, what did you do? Did you run to someone? Did you close all the blinds? Did you turn up the television? Where was your safe place during the storm? Imagine a time in your life when you were the most scared. Imagine the comfort you received. The reassurance you were given. Imagine the way it felt to feel your worries escape your thoughts. The weight you felt being lifted from your heart. Now, imagine that scary time again. And this time, imagine being without a safe place to go. We just went on with life knowing that this "thing" was there. During the fire academy there are many intense drills and scenarios that these guys have to face. I will never forget the day my husband called me on his way home, in tears, because he was so scared. They were preparing to do a confined space drill, which was a drill that scared him the most. I was at home raising a toddler and an infant while working full time and he was living in another city while going through this academy. My husband called me during his storm. And I proved to him that I was not a safe place. Once it was determined that my husband was indeed in good health, he was discharged from the hospital and sent home. My husband called me on his drive home; he was silent, almost afraid to talk. I asked him the typical questions, "what happened? Something had to happen. Something had to have made you feel this way. Do you have any [confined space] drills coming up? Are you freaked out? When he walked in the door that day, I could see it in his face. I could see his defeat. I could see his fear. I could see his worry. From that day, I vowed to be his safe place. It took a long time and a lot of effort from me before my husband realized that I was, indeed, safe. I remember the first time I saw him trust me. He was pacing around the backyard and I stood in the kitchen watching him through the window. He finally stopped, so I walked out to him and just put my hand on his back. He started to pull away from me, but instead he stayed there and just turned his head in the opposite direction of me. I tried to look at him, and with just the right light from the moon, I could see that he had been crying. I grabbed his hand and just stood there. I just held his hand in mine. His words came pouring out. I remember wrapping my arms around him, burying myself into his chest, and the only words I said were, "I love you so much. He knew from that moment on that I was safe. I caused my husband a lot of pain with my deceit about finances, and he caused a lot of pain with the need to numb his emotions with alcohol. The both of us lost trust in each other and neither of us would call each other "safe. For years I prayed that God would change my husband. As a mother, I did everything to learn more about how to help my daughter. I begged for advice, I purchased books, I paid for therapy, I prayed and prayed and prayed. I would do anything to be the safe place for my daughter. And then one day I caught myself in the midst of my frantic research: I started paying attention to his habits: One restless night he, again, woke me up by laying his weight on a majority of my body. Normally, I would turn away from him and force him to hug my back. This time, I turned my body towards him, wrapped my arms around him, and just held him. I felt his body relax and soon afterwards, his breathing became heavy as he fell back to sleep. I finally got it right. And for all the days of my life, I will never forget what he said to me 4 months before he died From behind, he wrapped his strong arms around my waist, nuzzling his face into that spot between my neck and my shoulder, and he said, "I love you more now than I ever have before. I earned his trust. I had successfully become his safe place. We used to joke that after years of being married, we "finally got it right. And you love the beast in him. I saved this image to my phone and I stared at it This spoke so loudly to me despite the fact that there were no words. This was the effect I wanted to have on my husband. I wanted to melt away the monster. Be Quiet Easier said than done, right? Each man is different. Each man has different needs. But each man wants to be heard. He had a bad day at work? He hates the commute? The dog sheds too much? And I love to offer solutions before even hearing the problem. It took a lot of lessons for me to learn what God so clearly lays out. Go back to the illustration above. Let him know that you are not always going to rebuttal his words, and you are not always going to give a solution. Sometimes, they just want to be heard, and they want a safe place to lay those words.

We all have those days when we just want to tear out the eyes of the stuffed animal on the bed because it looks too smug. Oh, is that just me? And we all want to be loved during those bad days. I often think about the unconditional love that I get from God on a daily hourly, really basis. In fact, He loves me even more. When I think about the number of times God has shown love and grace to me, I feel bad for the guy. And God has given so much of both to me. Everyone has a husband who can be difficult to love. And every husband has a wife who can be difficult to love. What did you want? You were crying out in pain equivalent to a bad attitude at the end of the day and you needed to be comforted. What if your parent or grandparent saw you in pain, looked at you and walked away because they were angry with you for being disobedient the day before? Is that what you do to your husband? Do you deny love and reassurance because he said something hurtful the day before? Showing love to your spouse during their most difficult days begins to open the door of trust. The best way to show him love? It takes great strength to be kind to someone who may not reciprocate. We all know the saying, "kill them with kindness. Kindness can melt the hardest of hearts. He was not a perfect husband and I was certainly far from a perfect wife. But once we figured it out, it was better than anything we imagined. What fills your prayers?

### Chapter 5 : Spiritual Single

*Encouragement for the Single, Divorced and Unequally Yoked.*

### Chapter 6 : Spiritually Single Moms | FamilyLife Today®

*Spiritually Single. 12, likes · 37 talking about this. A recently widowed fire wife, I am in the midst of my darkest storm. I am learning to continue.*

### Chapter 7 : Spiritually Single

*What does "spiritually single" mean? - A "spiritually single" woman is a Christian wife who is "going it alone" either because her husband is a "pre-Christian" (unbeliever) or is a believer who is not living what he believes.*

### Chapter 8 : I'm a Christian, but I'm not ~ Spiritually Single

*As a married woman in leadership whose husband doesn't share her faith, I've learned that managing the tension between marriage and ministry is hard. Navigating competing values and priorities.*

### Chapter 9 : Spiritual Singles | Best Spiritual Dating Site | Meet Mindful Singles

*I'm Jenn! 16 years ago I began my walk with God. A recently widowed fire-wife, I am in the midst of my darkest storm. I am learning to continue my walk while keeping my faith, despite the clouds.*