



# MATTHEW

Who is YOUR King?!?



# *Singleness & Children*



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Matthew 19:1b





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5-7 The Sermon *on* the Mount

10 Commissioning the 12 [redemptive mission]

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18 Instructing the 12 [relational ministry]

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# Literary structure:

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But He said to them, “All cannot accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given:

Matthew 19:11



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Therefore what God has joined together,  
let not man separate. . . . whoever  
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adultery; and whoever marries her who is  
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Matthew 19:6-9



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**1. Singleness is a gift**



IF *Singleness* IS A GIFT,  
CAN I EXCHANGE IT?

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Jeanne Harrison



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1 Corinthians 7:7-8



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Philippians 4:11b





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**2. So, invest it for the gospel!**






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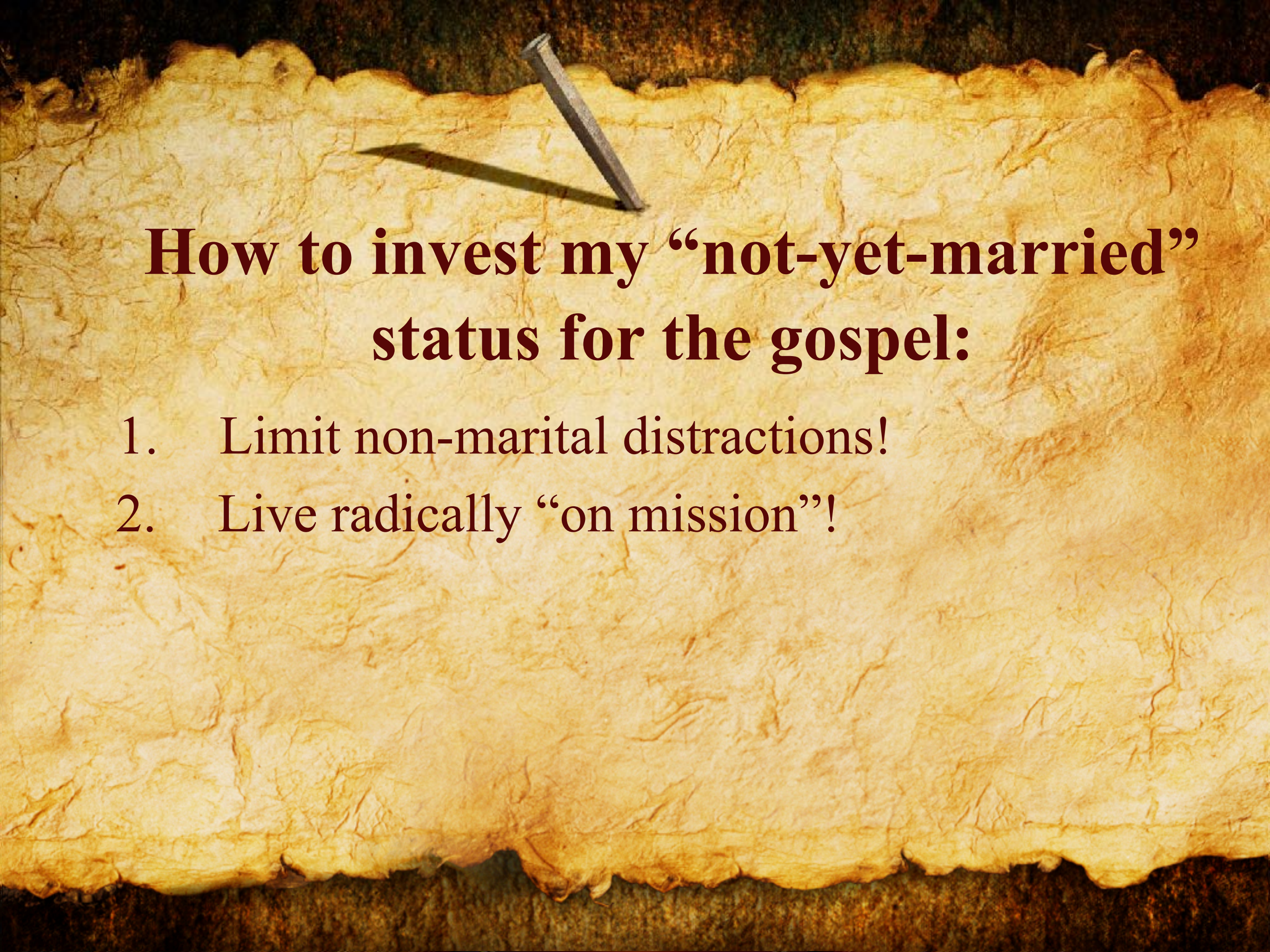
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Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each **esteem others** better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for **the interests of others.**


Philippians 2:3-4



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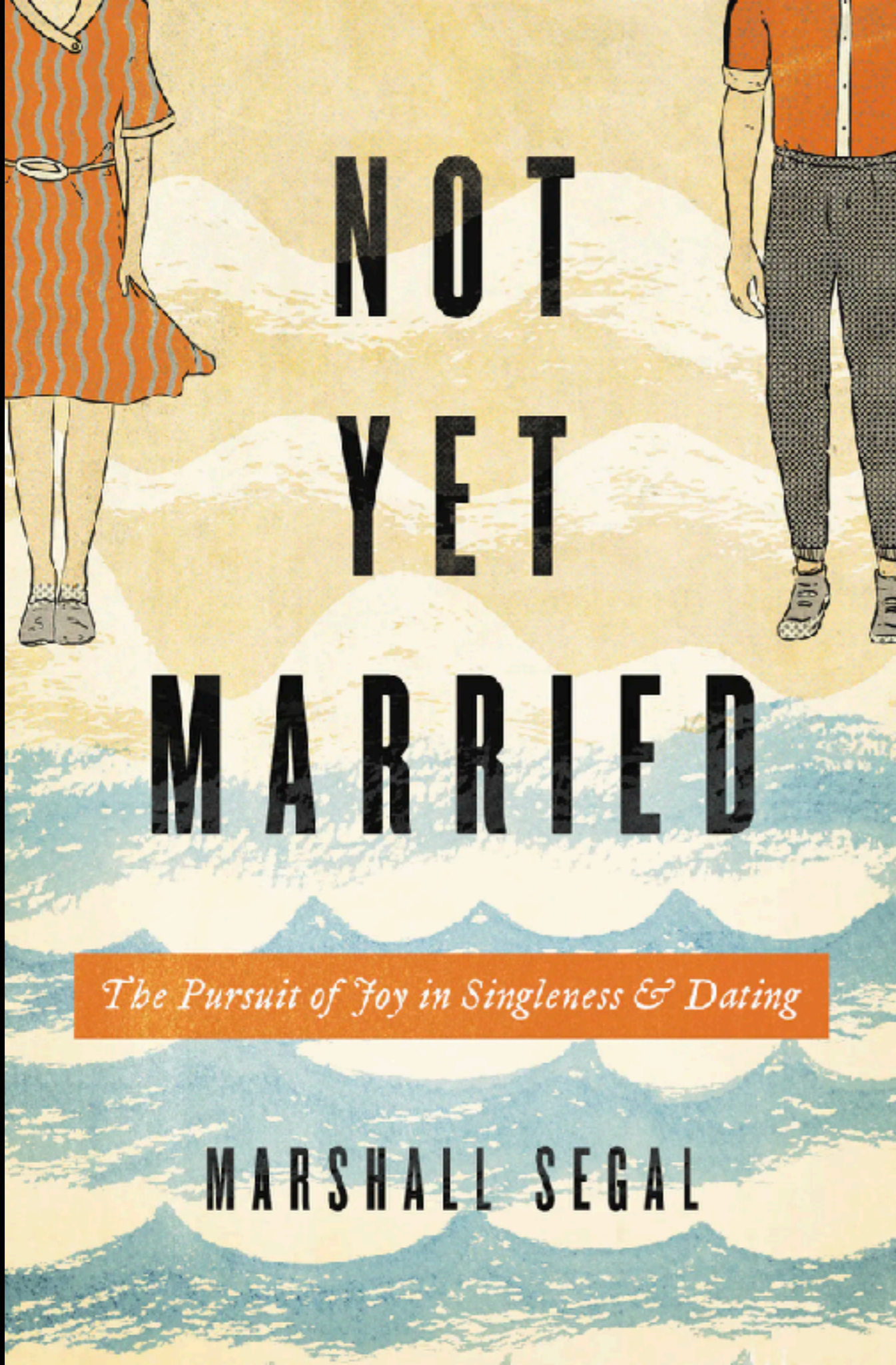
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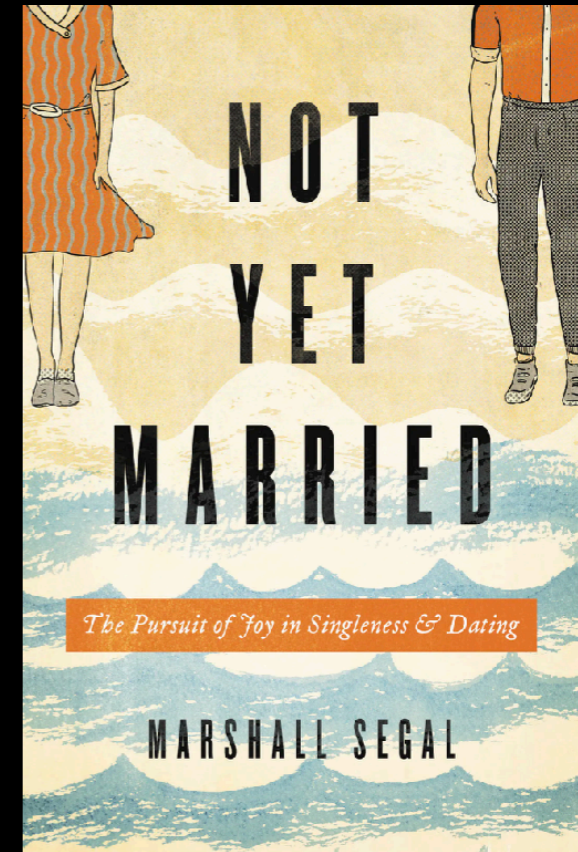
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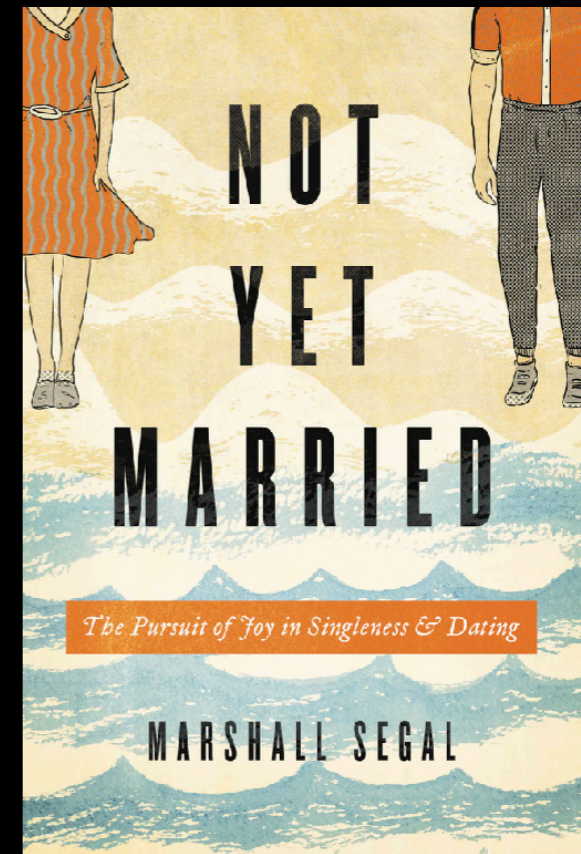
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3. **Love Jesus more!**



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Revelation 19:7



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