

# **JESUS LOVES THE SINGLE PARENT ALSO**

Biblical advice for single parents



# GOD SAW HAGAR – A SINGLE PARENT

- **Genesis 16:13** And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me?
- Hagar was a single parent but God did not abandon her – he opened the scorching desert floor and gave her and her son, Ishmael, water.
- God sees the struggling single parent. He sees you single mother, single father.



# YOU CAN MAKE IT SINGLE PARENT!

- We must acknowledge the Bible does not say much about single parenting. Someone said, «There is no such thing 'as singleness is a gift'». Paul did not address divorcees or single parents in the 21st century, unfortunately.
- However, we live in a time and part of the world where it is not uncommon to be a single parent. One can manage economically and there is no social stigma associated with being a single parent.
- Since the Lord wants godly seed, be confident he will help you.



# HANNAH AND MARY

- **1Samuel 1:20** Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD.
- **Luke 2:34** And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against;
- **Luke 2:35** (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.



# **SINGLE PARENTS HAVE A DIVINE MANDATE**

- Hannah and Mary may have had husbands, but when you study their lives carefully, it becomes clear that they functioned as single parents.
- Hannah appeared to be alone in naming Samuel, vowing to give him to God in the Temple and visiting him. Elkanah was really absent in all this.
- After the Lord was 12 years old, Joseph is no longer mentioned in the Bible. Mary was there from Bethlehem to the Cross.



# **SINGLE PARENT, FORGIVE YOURSELF!**

- Life does not end as a single mother or father! God loves and treasures the work you do. He is watching over you and wants to guide your child or children.
- The first thing you need to understand is to stop feeling guilty or thinking that God is angry with you. Forgive yourself! Your child/ren do not deserve to have a parent who is constantly mourning or grieving. God has an important task for you – raise godly seed (Malachi 2:15).



# GOD WANTS TO MAKE YOU WHOLE

- Single mothers/fathers can feel angry, depressed and abandoned.
- This may lead to feelings of insecurity and bitterness which the child/ren pick up. Don't say bad things about the father/mother to the child. Children need both, even if they are not together.
- Some single parents run the risk of feeling like they have to accept «whatever comes their way» because they have low self esteem. Don't reduce your self-worth. You are still precious to Jesus!
- **1Corinthians 7:23** Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men.
- You were once a little girl precious to your parents. Don't let that little girl down! Take care of her!



# YOUR CHILD/REN NEED YOU TO HEAL

- God does not want us to transplant our problems to our children – remember: they are God's heritage. We are raising them up for the Lord.
- **Psalm 127:3**: Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.
- Let go of the past, single parents – let Jesus start the process of healing for you and make you whole again. Start living life again for yourself and your child/ren.



# DEDICATE YOUR SINGLENES TO JESUS

- **Luke 10:41** And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things:
- **Luke 10:42** But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.
- Dedicate your life as a single parent to serving the Lord Jesus. Live a holy life because your child/ren will learn from your lifestyle – whether pure or impure.
- **1Thessalonians 4:3** For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication.



# BE FAITHFUL AND YOUR LIFE WILL END WELL

- Those who serve the Lord faithfully end their lives well!
- **Ruth 1:16** And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.
- Being single does not have to be permanent. God is able to change things as he did with Ruth. Ruth did not go to Israel to find a husband – God was her husband, so to speak. But in following God, she found a new family. Don't run after men or women, rather bring up your child to be a God-fearing man or woman!
- **Psalms 68:6** God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.