

*What about me?*

*When I am married? When I am single? When I am old? When I am young? When I am ...?  
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## **I. Confused** (About why God has put me right here, right now)

**A chapter summary of I Corinthians 7:** Christian, you are the BRIDE of CHRIST. Are you married? Are you single? The advice you need is here! All relationships have problems, but live right in whatever relationship you are in.

**(I Corinthians 7:7, 19-24)**

## **II. Conflicted** (Why are things NOT the way I want them to be?)

I was conflicted.

- "I will plant the trees where I want to plant the trees." - Me to my mom (hopefully a much worse version of me) while she was on crutches dying of cancer
- Me bringing bacon to "the OC" because I really like bacon
- Me misunderstanding, really having absolutely no clue about, service

Jonah was conflicted (**Jonah 1:9-10; 3:10 - 4:3**)

Saul was conflicted (**Acts 26:14**) (BUT, Paul was NOT conflicted (**Philippians 1:21-26**)!)

## **III. Consumed** (With doing the Father's Will)

Jesus was consumed. See the gospel of **John (5:19; 7:16-18; 8:25-30, 38; 12:44-50; 14:30-31)**

*The only one who ever lived who could have done His Own Will was not concerned with doing His Own Will but was consumed with doing His Father's Will. We are not living ones who can afford to do our own wills. We must be consumed with doing God's Will.*

**"Pray for the Boys"** (as performed by Flatt & Scruggs and The Earls of Leicester)

Chorus: Don't forget to often pray for the boys so far away  
They have gone to fill your place out there  
They're on the battle line in defense of yours and mine  
Hold'em up to God in humble pray

1 When the smoke of the battle clears oft my eyes are filled with tears  
As I see some mother's son so still  
I am thankful for your prayers to the One who always cares  
And I pray that I may do His will

2 In the beachhead far away goes a boy for you today  
And I know he thinks of home and you  
When in prayer your head is bowed mention those who are out there now  
Pray the Lord to they to Him be true

*The goal of prayer is that we "may do His will", that we may "to Him be true". This is not just some add on to our prayers. The goal of EVERYTHING is that we "may do His will", that we*

may "to Him be true". This is not just some add on to our lives. It is the start and the finish, and every step between, of living like Christ.

#### **IV. Calamity** (Losing some blessing, having other blessings)

I sure do miss ... things I have never had? (**Job 1:13-22**)

Some talk about the "Five Stages of Grief", but there is no one, single right way to grieve. However, all ways of grieving that are helpful or correct have one thing in common: they are based in being grateful.

No matter what or when (**Ephesians 5:19-21** (**Psalm 34:1-3, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**))

#### **V. Content** (Happy with God and what God has done)

A chapter summary of Matthew 20: Serve. I must humbly recognize that God gets to give however He wants. Jesus will die and rise. God's work, so in humility serve, in pity serve.

(**Matthew 20:11-19**)

Complacent (Happy with me and what I have done) vs Content (**Philippians 4:10-14**)

#### **VI. Consistent** (Faithful - Keep on keeping on NO MATTER what may come)

Fight On- Until our race on earth is run (**2 Timothy 4:5-8**)

God has given us Time, Times and a half of Time (**Ecclesiastes 3:1-8**)

*There are only two days on my calendar: Today and the Day of Judgment.* - Martin Luther (1483 - 1546)

#### **VII. Conclusion** (Always seeking God's Will w/ God's DIFFERENT Blessings)

**"Little Is Much When God Is in It"** (by Kittie L. Suffield)

- Refrain: Little is much when God is in it! Labor not for wealth or fame;  
There's a crown, and you can win it, If you go in Jesus' name.
1. In the harvest field now ripened There's a work for all to do;  
Hark! The Master's voice is calling, To the harvest calling you.
  2. In the mad rush of the broad way, In the hurry and the strife,  
Tell of Jesus' love and mercy, Give to them the Word of Life.
  3. Does the place you're called to labor Seem so small and little known?  
It is great if our God is in it, And He'll not forget His own.
  4. Are you laid aside from service, Body worn from toil and care?  
You can still be in the battle, In the sacred place of prayer.
  5. When our conflict here has ended And our race on earth is run,  
He will say, if you've been faithful, "Welcome home, My child—well done!"

*The problem most people have is that they want things to get better and yet stay the same.*

- John Maxwell (in "Today Matters")

Me with a wife and 20 children! (**Psalm 127:3-5**) - The good of it (and the "bad" of it)