

WHO AM I?

A 5-DAY DEVOTIONAL ON HOW GOD SEES THE CHRISTIAN
SINGLE MOTHER

DAY ONE

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WHO DO *WE* SAY I AM?

Read: Col. 2:6-23 | Key Verse: Col. 2:10

We, meaning you, your friends, your family, your church, and society, are guilty for attaching labels to you, the single mother, that don't always fit.

Because of your circumstances, we call you broken. Broken because why else would you have a child with a man and you two are not married? Why else would you be married and have children and then get a divorce after so many years?

You must be broken.

Not only do we call you broken, but we call you poor, unstable, burnt out, needy, and a slew of other labels that are negative and for the most part, untrue. And although we – you and I – know that these labels are untrue, we sometimes live a broken life believing these lies.

We do one of two things:

1. We desperately look for any kind of man to be our husband in order to fix it all. Society and even our friends at church make us believe we are raising our kids in a dysfunctional home. Their solution on how to have a functional home is, find a man and marry him. Reasons being are: to prevent you from being worn out and so that you may work with two incomes instead of one. However nice things situations may be, a man is not the solution to all your problems. In fact, if you are not careful, a no good man will ruin you and your family.

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2. We lean on our own understanding and our own strength in order to fix it all. Through self-help books, and webinars led by “mompreneurs”, and by watching parenting videos, we teach ourselves how to be better mothers. We shut out any man that comes our way to help, God sent or not. We struggle with our pride and so we don’t ask our church or our friends for help. Yet we believe that we are fixing our situation when the truth is we are making it worse. You are not God, you cannot do it all, therefore you cannot fix it all either.

I encourage you today to stop it! Stop allowing the negative labels that *we* attach to you to rule your life.

Truth is: you are not broken, you are whole.

Colossians 2:10 says, “So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.”

From today’s scripture reading we see that in Christ we are set free and that in Christ we have a very different life. Therefore, it’s time to start living that way.

Dear Lord,

I have been living my life believing every negative thing everyone says about me. Forgive me, I will not do this anymore, from this moment on, I will learn to see me as you see me and I will live a life that reflects the truth. With your help, I know I that I can be whole. In Jesus name. Amen.