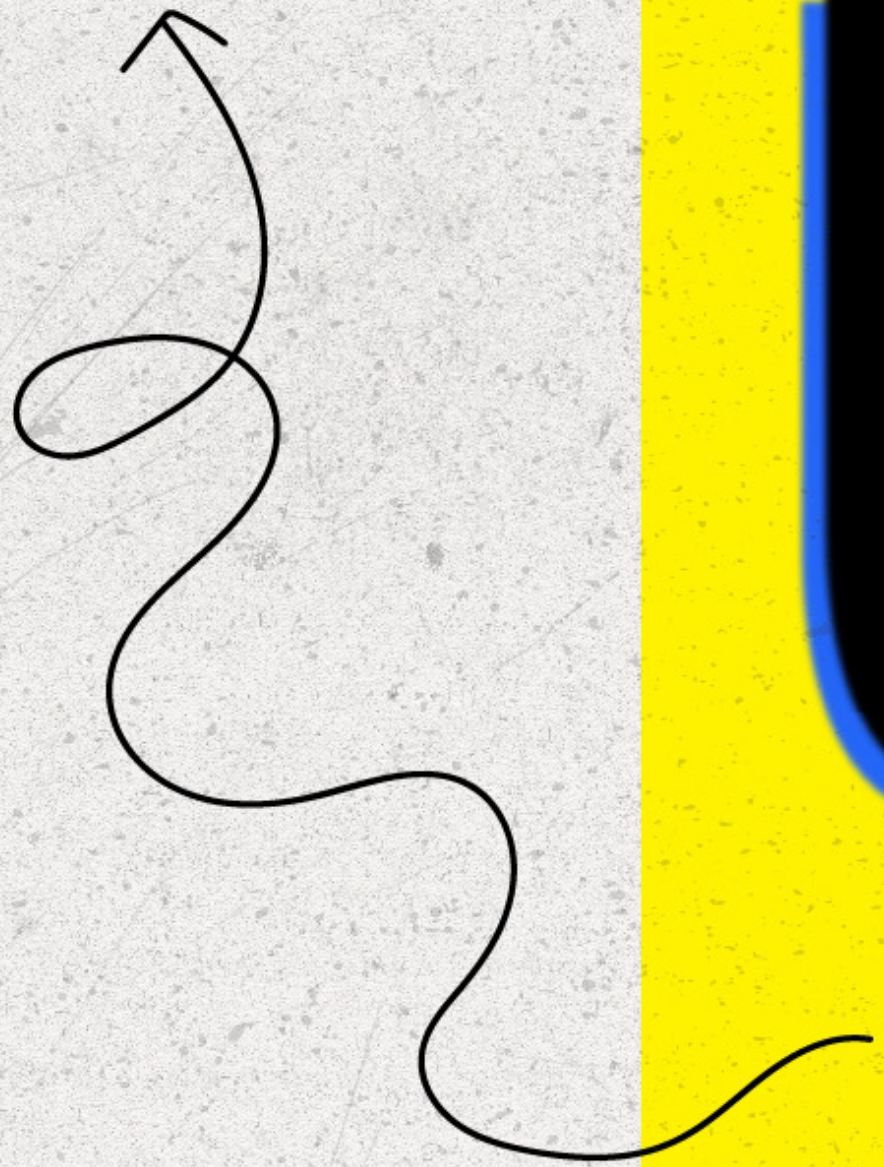


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2. Keep an eternal perspective

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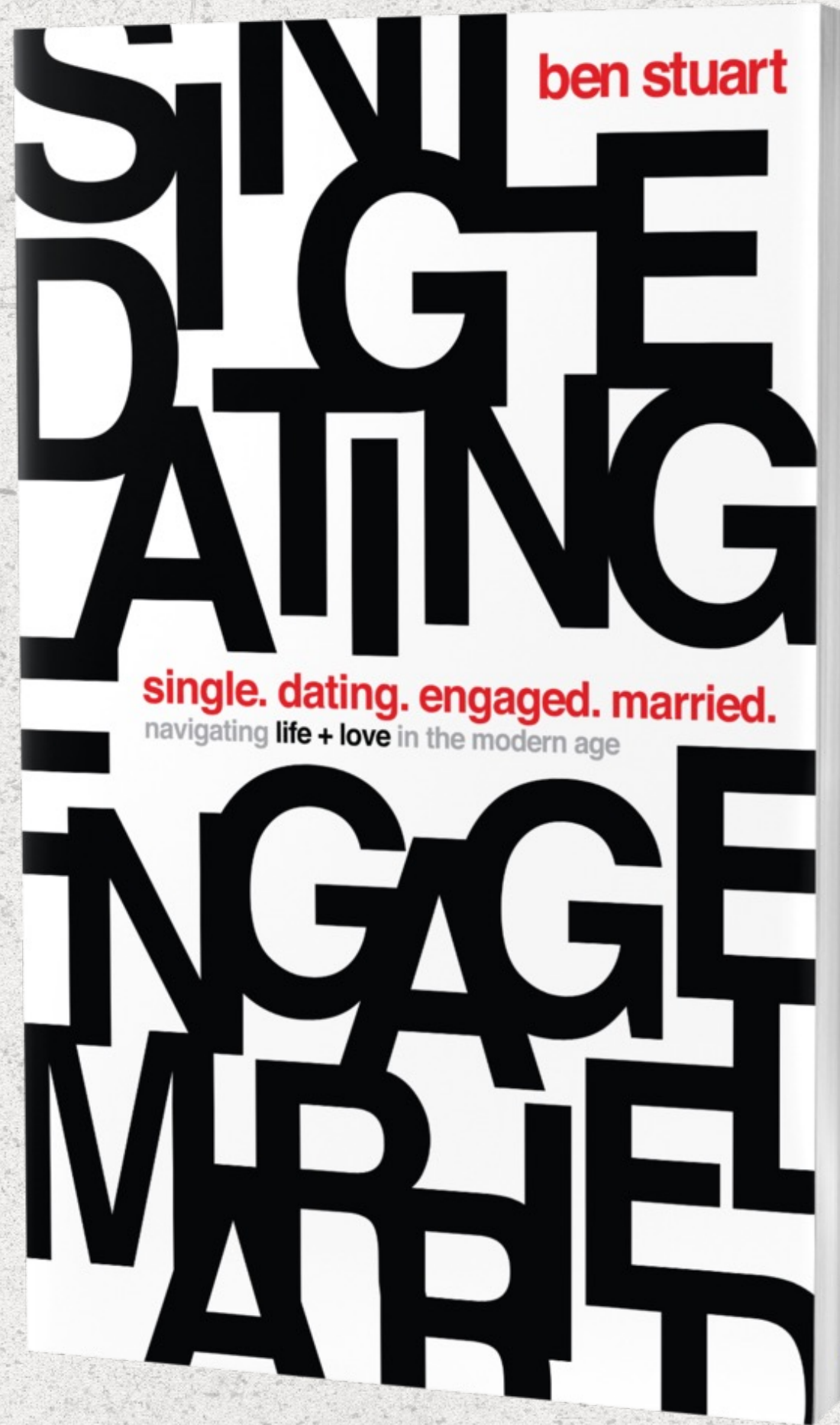
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3. Singleness allows for undivided devotion to the Lord

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“God has ordained a season of singleness for every human being on the planet. Singleness does not exist simply as an extended adolescence, a pursuit of career ambition, or preparatory phase for marriage. Rather, God has ordained the unique freedoms of single life not for distractions or ambitions, but for devotion to him.”

Ben Stuart

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“If you do get into a relationship and get married, realise that you will never get this season of singleness back.”

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“Your relationship with a guy or a girl, though important, is not the most critical relationship in your life, and it is not the relationship that God is the most concerned with.”

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"When we know we are connected to the inexhaustible acceptance, forgiveness, grace, and care of the God of the universe, then we are free to extend that same love to all who are in need.

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“What you have now is freedom and time. These are resources granted to you when you are single that will diminish over time. You have more freedom and more time than any other kind of person on the planet. Children don’t have the kind of freedom you do. Old people don’t have your level of freedom. Married people don’t either....”

You have an unprecedented amount of discretionary time in this fast-dwindling season that you are in right now. It is freedom with a purpose. Not to fill it with distractions, but to pursue an undistracted devotion to the Lord. That's what it's for. So I want to challenge some of you who are pining away. It is okay to long to be in a relationship and long to be married. That longing is good. The ache for companionship existed in Adam before the entrance of sin in Genesis 3 . But if you let that desire steal all the joy of your present single stage, you are missing out on the benefits available to you in this season of life right now....

God has ordained the single season for a purpose, and I want you to live it to the hilt. Paul stated in verse 32 of 1 Corinthians 7, "The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord." He continued in verse 34, "the unmarried . . . woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit."

So let me ask you the critical question: Does this define your singleness? As an unmarried man, are you anxious to find ways to please the Lord? As an unmarried woman, are you straining to consider how you might be holy to the Lord in body and spirit?

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Let me challenge you: if this does not define your singleness, then you are doing singleness wrong. God has given you singleness to secure an undistracted devotion to the Lord, not to fill your time with distractions. Its purpose is to pursue him. If you are frustrated or bitter in your singleness, it may be because you are missing the point of why you are single. It is like playing basketball without a ball. It is confusing, is frustrating, and, in the end, just feels stupid. Singleness is the same way. If these unmarried moments of your life are not spent in passionate pursuit of your Maker, then they will often be marked by a sense of aimlessness and frustration. Conversely, the most content single people I have ever known are the ones who understood this season is for undistracted devotion to the Lord."

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Q&A Panel

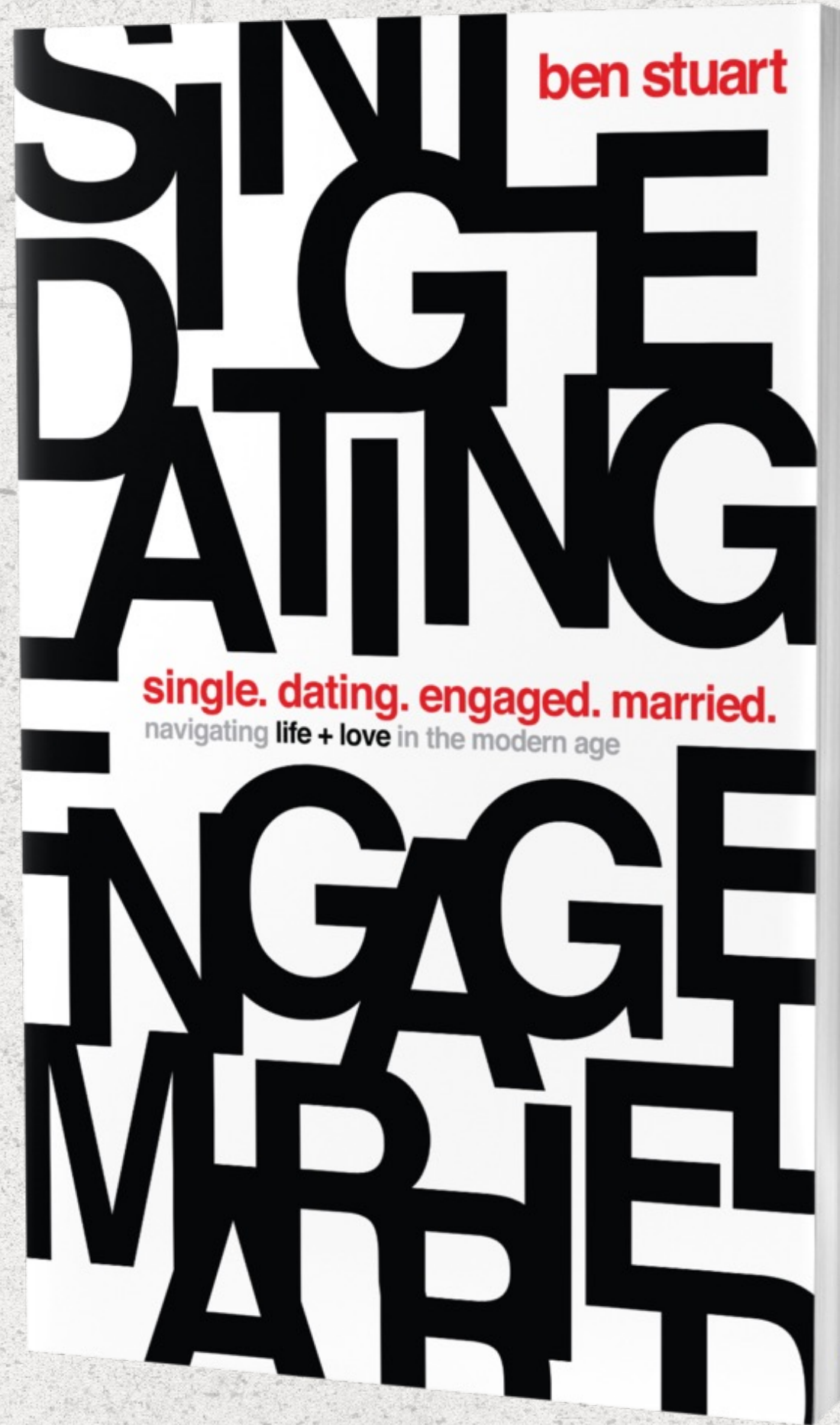


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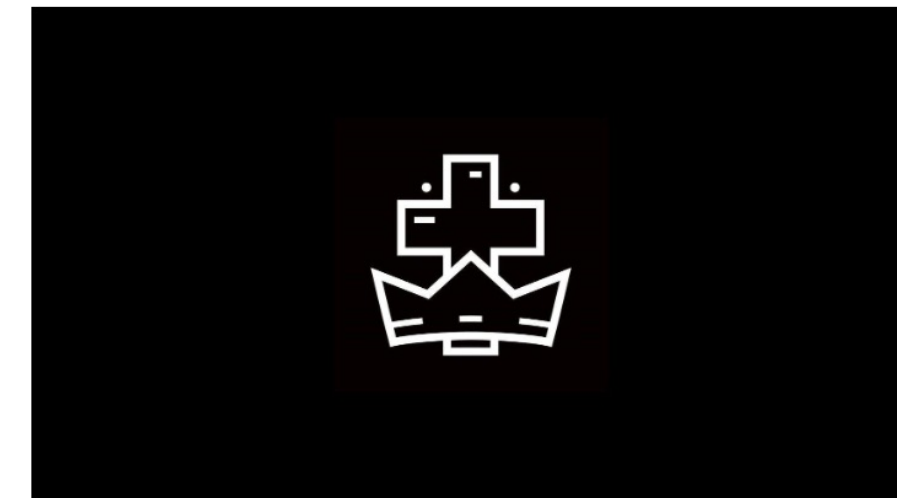
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