

On Being Single by Bernadette Love

Like me, you may have wondered why your special person hasn't found you yet. Why are people all around you falling and staying in love...what's up Lord? God showed me something one day. I had a lot of baggage from past hurts and disappointments that I was carrying from one relationship to the other. I had not allowed myself time to heal from one hurt before I was jumping into another one...could this be your story too?

Sometimes the hurts can run so deep and be so far reaching that we would rather ignore it than deal with it. I came out of an abusive marriage and went right into relationships that neither lifted me up nor valued me as a person. I found myself continually gravitating towards relationships that demeaned me and left me feeling empty and used. After more broken promises than I care to admit to, God finally got through to me. He showed me that I had never allowed myself to heal from one hurt before I opened myself up to another one. And with each messed up relationship my baggage was getting heavier and heavier.

Let God lovingly heal your hurts and mend your wounded self esteem before you open yourself up to another relationship. Let Him kiss away your tears and calm your fears...your next partner will be ever so happy if you do this! The repair process may take a moment...but don't fear, God is on the job and He knows just what needs to happen for you to be all that He called you to be.

Take some time and fall in love with you while you are waiting. Treasure yourself and find all the marvelous things about you that make you unique! You are fearfully and wonderfully made and if someone told you anything different, you need to rebuke that lie in the name of Jesus!

Be real with yourself...learn who you are in the Lord! Find out what makes you so special. The Bible says that you are fearfully and wonderfully made. Are you requiring that you be treated like that? God never intended for us to be used, abused and then cast aside. He wants us to be lovingly handled by that special someone...take time for him to find you.

Empty that suitcase of hurt feelings and wash all of the stains from your clothes. Determine that you are going to take time to find out who you are in Christ before you

allow one more person to step on your feelings. When you begin to see yourself as God sees you, you will see your value and your worth.

I won't lie to you, this will not be easy. You have carried this baggage around for so long that it has truly become a part of you. There will probably be more tears to cry and more lonely nights than you care for, but the work will be well worth it. You've come to the right place!

