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Introductory thought to the 'Predicament':

How committed are you to Jesus and his kingdom? Jesus is clear: following him requires obedience and sacrifice (time, money, choices etc.). This predicament is an issue of obedience and sacrifice.

Relevant Bible Passages

1 Corinthians 7:39 A woman is bound to her husband as long as he lives. But if her husband dies, she is free to marry anyone she wishes, but he must belong to the Lord.

[Note: She must marry a Christian!]

Malachi 2:11 Judah has broken faith. A detestable thing has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem: Judah has desecrated the sanctuary the LORD loves, by marrying the daughter of a foreign god.

[Note: God's people sinned by marrying someone who did not worship the Lord!]

1 Kings 11:1-9 King Solomon, however, loved many foreign women besides Pharaoh's daughter — Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians and Hittites. They were from nations about which the LORD had told the Israelites, "You must not intermarry with them, because they will surely turn your hearts after their gods." Nevertheless, Solomon held fast to them in love. He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray. As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been. He followed Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molech the detestable god of the Ammonites. So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD; he did not follow the LORD completely, as David his father had done.

[Note: Solomon married women from other religions. They "turned his heart away from the Lord." We must be careful with our heart!]

1 Peter 2:9-11 *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.*

[Note: We are to live as "a holy people who belong to God." We must also live "as aliens and strangers in this world." This means we must stay focused on God and living for him. A non-Christian boyfriend / girlfriend will make this impossible!]

General Wisdom:

- *It is OK to stay single! (1 Corinthians 7)*
- *Help each other with this issue—promote holiness and encourage each other to stay out of unhelpful relationships.*
- *What does the future hold for a relationship with a nonbeliever? Will you marry them? What about children—will they be believers?*

One last verse: **1 Corinthians 10:12** *(Take care so that you don't fall!).*