



## He Said She Said: Will God Make a Way for Us

EDITOR'S NOTE: He Said-She Said is a biweekly advice column for singles featuring a question from a Crosswalk.com reader with responses from a male and female point of view. If you've got a question about anything related to singleness or living the single life, please submit it to [hesaid-shesaid@crosswalk.com](mailto:hesaid-shesaid@crosswalk.com) (selected questions will be posted anonymously).

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QUESTION: Over a year ago the Lord seemed to tell both me and my brother in Christ that He wanted us to be together; that we were made for each other. At the time we had no feelings for each other; it was purely a cognitive and spiritual understanding. We might have been wrong in hearing God, but we chose to give Him the benefit of the doubt and still believe that He had spoken. After a year of struggle and pain caused by strong parental disapproval, we have been forced to break up even though we love each other and still feel God called us together. We have prayed together tearfully almost every week over the past year, but God doesn't seem to respond. All of it hurts so much, and we don't understand why God would bring us together under such terrible circumstances if He wasn't going to open doors for us right now. Both sets of parents say that there is "no way" that we will be together in the future... but God tells us that all things are possible through Him, and for those who believe. I don't understand.

### SHE SAID

Thanks so much for writing and sharing your heart. My first question would be to know your ages. Although I do think it's important for our families to bless our dating relationships and eventual marriages, I also think it's between you and your boyfriend. If you are young and still living at home, and if you respect your parents' wisdom (Proverbs 3:13: Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding), then perhaps they are correct in wanting you to not be together right now. With more time, maturity, and life experience (plus the Lord's leading) both you, your boyfriend and both sets of parents will be in support of your relationship. If this guy is who you believe to be your "soul mate," or your eventual spouse, then he will still be that person a year from now.

Now, if you are not living at home and over 21, then sometimes we have to make decisions that our parents disagree with. I would want to know why your parents are so against your relationship with this young man. Is it Biblically grounded? Perhaps a race, age, or financial (meaning, you are both in debt or in school), thing. Perhaps you have different denominations or beliefs. Because you have not stated this why they are against your relationship, it makes it hard to know what direction to take. Bottom line, you have to do what God tells you to do. If God brought you together, he will bring you together again. I would pray for God to give you the patience you need to weather this storm. In the meantime, ask God if there IS anything that would cause your relationship to be unsuccessful. Is there anything God wants you to do first? Although I do not believe in extended dating relationships and long engagements, I do believe in time to grow. Grow in your walk with God, in financial security, education, emotionally, etc. And above all, keep the hope that only comes from God.

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint (Isaiah 40:31)..

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conference/retreat of the same name).

**DISCLAIMER:** We are not trained psychologists or licensed professionals. We're just average folk who understand what it's like to live the solo life in the twenty-first century. We believe that the Bible is our go-to guide for answers to all of life's questions, and it's where we'll go for guidance when responding to your questions. Also, it's important to note that we write our answers separately (we think they sound eerily similar sometimes, too!).

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