# Not Many Dating Options

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***EDITOR'S NOTE:*** *[He Said-She Said](http://www.crosswalk.com/family/singles/he-said-she-said/" \t "_blank)* 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*** (selected questions will be posted anonymously).

**QUESTION**: I'm in college and I work at a small church plant. My school is a public university, and at my church there are no girls my age. I want to date, but it seems that between my jobs, church, and school there aren't many options. How would I go about trying to find someone while I'm in this situation?

**HE SAID:**

I empathize with your position as I have often felt the same way. You do “everything” you feel you should be doing – serve in a ministry, work multiple jobs to make ends meet, challenge yourself physically or mentally and wait on a godly mate, but no potential or prospective candidates seem to come along, even though others seems find theirs.

Maybe God has you exactly where he wants you?!

Over the years, when I have found myself in those positions, and been humble enough to take my eyes off of me, I have been able to appreciate where God has me and what he has me doing.

I truly believe in God’s sovereign hand where he places us in situations to help us to learn, grow or change (ourselves or our mindset). I have found my timing rarely coincides with his desires, yet when I am obedient in those situations, no matter how I “feel” about it, God shows up (or I notice him more).

Grow where you’re planted. If you know without a doubt you are in the ministry you are called to be in, the jobs you are supposed to be doing (for now), at the school he wants you at, then do all you can to excel in each of those situations. As you do, you are taking a step of [faith](http://www.crosswalk.com/faith/) in following what he wants, and as you do I believe he will bring your help mate alongside you.

I would challenge you to read as many translations of [Genesis 2:18](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=ge+2:18-18) as you can. I have found it to encourage me to seek not just one for me, but rather the right one.

ESV – I will make him a helper fit for him.

CEB - I will make him a helper that is perfect for him

Oftentimes we minimize our choices by limiting what we’re looking for rather than broadening our minds to consider who God would want us to be with. Without compromising your values or desires, try widening the scope of what you’re looking for and you will find more opportunities.

**SHE SAID:**

Well, my first advice is always to pray. Pray for God to bring her to you. Pray for God to be preparing you both, with his perfect timing, realizing your time is limited. Pray that God would take anything away from you both that distracts you from God. Pray for what is important.

In the meantime, also start praying for God to bring all kinds of women to be your friends. Friends that spur you on in your walk with the Lord, and ones you encourage in this way also. Women who could teach you about their sex, about what is important to women. There is nothing better than to fall in love with your best friend. As you build more friendships with women, (again, knowing your personal time is limited) allow God to direct you to the one to date and hopefully marry once you have the time to devote to the relationship. Seek Christ first in all things...including who you date.

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves ([Romans 12:9-10](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=ro+12:9-10)).

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