**Evangel Community Church**

**FLYING SOLO**

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**Lots of people fly solo**

Naomi: An older widow. Ruth: A young widow. Boaz: Middle aged & never married.

**Different categories for flying solo**

Never married. Divorce. Widowed and widowers.

**Challenges of flying solo**

Naomi said to her toe daughters-in-law, *“go back to your mothers’ homes instead of coming with me… May the lord bless you with the security of another marriage.”*

*Ruth 1:8-9*

1. Loneliness

*“I will go wherever you go and live wherever you live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. I will die where you die and will be buried there. May the Lord punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!”*

*Ruth1:16-17*

1. Adventure
2. Career/Finances
3. Dating

Then Boaz asked his foreman, *“Who is that girl over there?”*

*Ruth 2:5*

*“Suddenly, around midnight, he wakened and sat up, startled. There was a woman lying at his feet! “Who are you?” he demanded. “It’s I, ser-Ruth,” she replied. “make me your wife according to God’s law, for you are my close relative.” “Thank God for a girl like you!” he exclaimed… Now don’t worry about a thing, my child; I’ll handle all the details, for everyone know what a wonderful person you are.”*

*Ruth 3:8-11*

**Principals for successfully flying solo**

1. Be patient… while you grieve.
2. Learn….to be content as a single person.

*“I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation…”*

*Philippians 4:12*

1. Maintain or reestablish…sexual purity.
2. Be cautious…about marriage.