“Still Single, Still Called” by Doug Hankins
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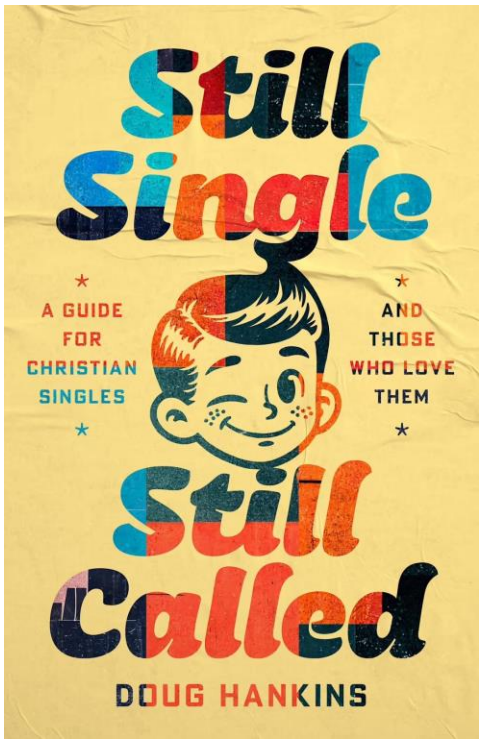
Still Single, Still Called: Doug Hankins Reframes Singleness as a God-Honoring Calling

BRENTWOOD, Tenn., April 1, 2026 —Over the years, Doug Hankins has listened to the hopes, frustrations and quiet courage of people navigating life outside of marriage. Through those conversations, he has come to see that singleness isn’t something to fix, a problem to solve or a condition to cure. Yet for far too long, many churches have treated it that way—assuming the best way to “include” a single person is to help them find a spouse. This mindset has left many single Christians feeling unseen, as if their belonging hinges on marriage rather than on their identity in Christ.



In his new book, “Still Single, Still Called: A Guide for Christian Singles and Those Who Love Them” (B&H Publishing, May 19, 2026), Hankins offers practical wisdom, theological guidance and hopeful encouragement to both single adults and the communities who care for them. Drawing from Scripture, pastoral experience and the stories of single believers throughout church history, he reframes singleness not as a temporary hurdle but as a meaningful, God-honoring calling. With a blend of pastoral insight, pop-culture references and humorous personal stories, Hankins brings levity and clarity to a topic often mishandled or misunderstood.

“Still Single, Still Called” invites readers to see single adults as Scripture does, beloved children of God whose lives and callings matter deeply to the church.

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Meet the Author

Doug Hankins (Ph.D., Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) is a pastor, professor and friend to countless single adults he's walked alongside for more than 20 years. He serves as the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church in Winter Park, Florida, and teaches as an Associate Professor at the Baptist University of Florida. Over the years, Doug has listened to the hopes, frustrations and quiet courage of people navigating life outside of marriage—and he's learned that singleness isn't something to fix, but something to understand more deeply. With the heart of a pastor, the curiosity of a storyteller, and the training of a scholar, he brings a rare blend of empathy and insight to a topic too often misunderstood. In this book, Doug offers a fresh vision of singleness—not as what's missing, but as what's meaningful.

Possible Interview Questions

1. What first opened your eyes to the idea that singleness is a calling, not a problem to solve?
2. What does it look like for a single Christian to live out a sense of calling right where they are?
3. How can churches better affirm the dignity and purpose of single adults?
4. What does true belonging look like for single Christians in a local church?
5. What's one story from your own life or ministry that captures the tension single Christians often feel?

6. Which cultural narratives about singleness do you think are most influential right now?
7. Who are some biblical or historical figures who model faithful singleness?
8. How do you encourage single Christians who feel the ache of unmet desire? What does healthy longing look like?
9. What gives you hope about how the Church is beginning to talk about singleness?
10. What do you hope readers carry with them long after they finish the book?