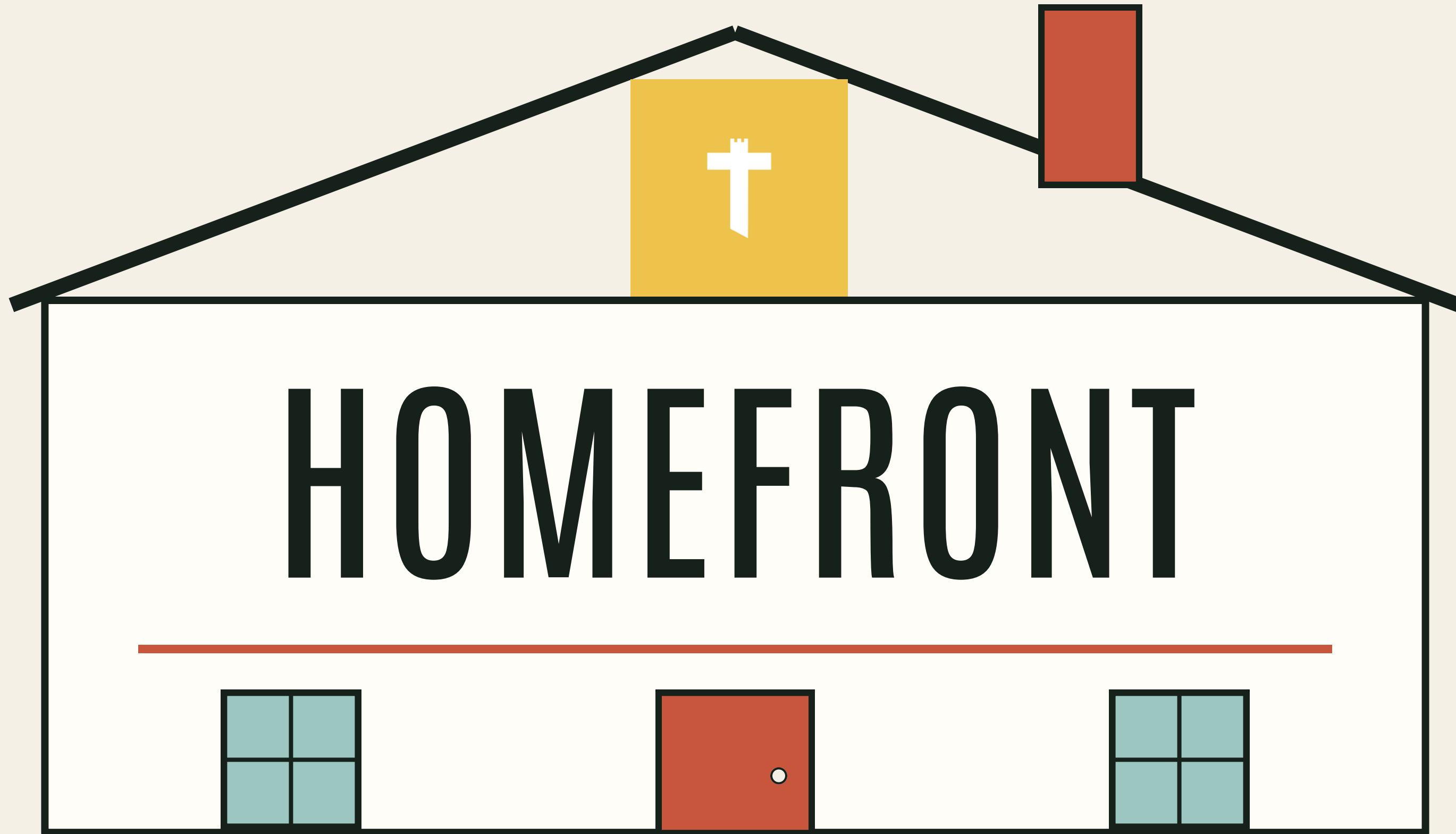
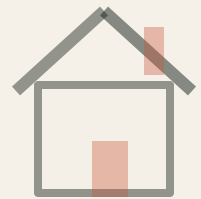




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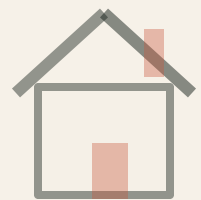
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UNDIVIDED & UNSTOPPABLE (SINGLEHOOD AND KINGDOM POWER)

Acts 21:8-9 &

Luke 2:36-37

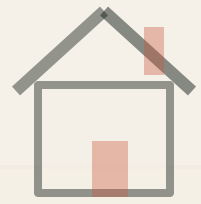


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**Acts 21:8 Leaving the next day, we
reached Caesarea and stayed at the house
of Philip the evangelist, one of the
Seven.**

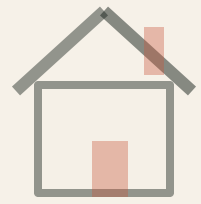
**9 He had four unmarried daughters who
prophesied.**



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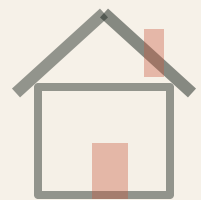
Luke 2:36 There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, 37 and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying.



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- **38% to 40% of U.S. adults are unpartnered (neither married nor living with a partner)**
- **50% to 52% are legally unmarried (never married, divorced, or widowed).**
- **34% of all U.S. adults. Among the unmarried population specifically, never-married individuals make up about 60%***

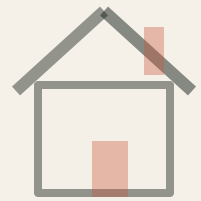


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- **Divorced:** About 10% to 12% of all U.S. adults are currently divorced (representing roughly 25% of unmarried adults).
- **Widowed:** Roughly 6% of all adults, with women outnumbering men more than 4 to 1 due to life expectancy differences.
- **Separated:** Approximately 1% to 2% of the general population.*

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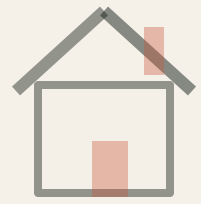
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AFRICAN-AMERICAN STATS*

- 70% are unmarried.
- Approximately 50% of African American adults have never been married
(compared to ~28% of white adults and ~34% of the overall U.S. population).

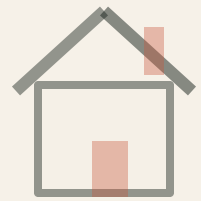
* blackdemographics.com



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- **Black adults experience divorce rates comparable to or slightly higher than the national average (around 11% to 13% currently divorced) and have the highest separation rate among major demographics at roughly 3%.**
- **Widowhood: Black women have higher rates of early widowhood compared to white peers due to disparities in health and mortality rates among men.**

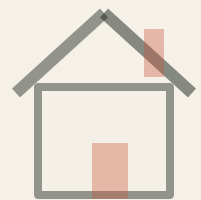


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**40% to 50% of church attendees across
denominations are unmarried,**

**Church leadership and culture remain heavily
marriage-centric.**



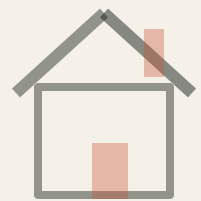
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I Corinthians 7

32 My desire is to have you free from all anxiety and distressing care. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord—how he may please the Lord;

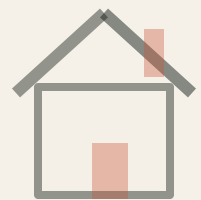
33 But the married man is anxious about worldly matters—how he may please his wife—



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34 And he is drawn in diverging directions [his interests are divided and he is distracted from his devotion to God]. And the unmarried woman or girl is concerned and anxious about the matters of the Lord, how to be wholly separated and set apart in body and spirit; but the married woman has her cares [centered] in earthly affairs—how she may please her husband.



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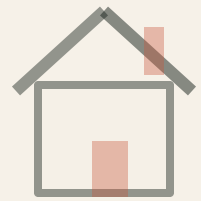
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**35 Now I say this for your own welfare and profit,
not to put [a halter of] restraint upon you, but to
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1. **Consecration : An Undivided Heart**
(Lk. 2:36-37)
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(Acts 21:8-9)
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(I Cor.7:34b, Acts 28:30-31)

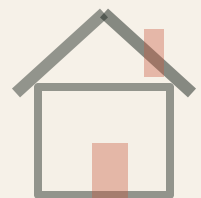


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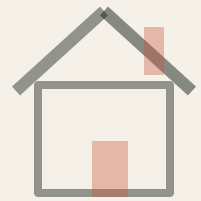
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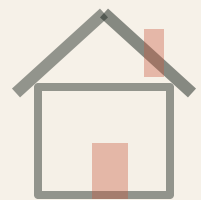


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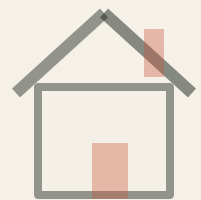
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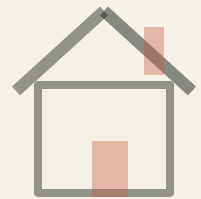
Acts 28:30 After this Paul lived there for two entire years [at his own expense] in his own rented lodging, and he welcomed all who came to him, 31 Preaching to them the kingdom of God and teaching them about the Lord Jesus Christ with boldness *and* quite openly, and without being molested *or* hindered.



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