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Part of What Does God NOT Want

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Message: Don't Do This Alone

Series: Mother's Day 2026

Today is a day we don't just celebrate mothers, today we recognize them. We should celebrate them all the time because a mother's job is never done. Take it a step further, we're not just talking about women who have biologically given birth to a child or who have raised a child. We're celebrating and recognizing the women who have stood in the gap, loved on, and cared for so many of us through the years.

We live in a constant state of battle. The Bible calls it spiritual warfare, and it is! But it's a giant game that's happening in the background of our life where we're smack in the middle of this tug-of-war between God and Satan. God is trying to get you to follow Jesus and Satan is trying to get you to follow anything and everything else! God wants you to live in community and be supported by your village of spiritual giants. Satan wants you in the dark, isolated, alone, wallowing in worry and defeat. In this place where you're alone, you beat yourself up and all Satan has to do is stand back and watch with this giant ridiculous smile! It goes back to the Garden of Eden and you've heard me say this over and over again. You were designed to live in a perfect place with perfect people and a perfect God. You were never designed to live in a fallen world full of sin and defeat. You were never designed to do life all by yourself.

—Pastor Chad

Theme for today's message:

Genesis 2:18

God said it's not good for us to be alone!

God is saying, I made you to do life together. If you do

this thing called life alone, separated, amputated from others, then it's not going to turn out well for you! From the very beginning, being alone was one thing God looked at and said, it's not good! Here's the kicker, this was before sin entered the world! This was before Adam and Eve chose the world over God. If being alone was bad in the Garden of Eden, man, could you imagine how bad it is to live in a world full of sin!

—Pastor Chad

How to Live in Community

- God doesn't want you ISOLATED

Titus 2:3-5 (NLT)

3 Similarly, teach the older women to live in a way that honors God. They must not slander others or be heavy drinkers. Instead, they should teach others what is good.

4 These older women must train the younger women to love their husbands and their children,

5 to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God.

We traded that community for a screen, and we're paying for it.

—Unknown

- God doesn't want you PROUD

2 Kings 4:1-7 (NLT)

1 One day the widow of a member of the group of prophets came to Elisha and cried out, "My husband who served you is dead, and you know how he feared the Lord. But now a creditor has come, threatening to take my two sons as slaves."

2 "What can I do to help you?" Elisha asked. "Tell me, what do you have in the house?" "Nothing at all, except a flask of olive oil," she replied.

3 And Elisha said, "Borrow as many empty jars as you can from your friends and neighbors.

4 Then go into your house with your sons and shut the door behind

you. Pour olive oil from your flask into the jars, setting each one aside when it is filled.”

5 So she did as she was told. Her sons kept bringing jars to her, and she filled one after another.

6 Soon every container was full to the brim! “Bring me another jar,” she said to one of her sons. “There aren’t any more!” he told her. And then the olive oil stopped flowing.

7 When she told the man of God what had happened, he said to her, “Now sell the olive oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on what is left over.”

*God honors sacrifice and God poured out His blessing on this woman and her family. Reminds you of **Luke 6:38**, good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over. God showed up and showed out when she threw out the pride and fell on her face before God!*

—Pastor Chad

- God doesn’t want you STALE

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (NLT)

6 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today.

7 Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up.

Moses is delivering a final address to the Israelites as they prepare to enter the Promised Land. I find it unique that he doesn’t just tell them how to live or how to focus on their relationship with God. Instead, Moses is telling them to pour into their kids, when they’re at home or when they’re not, in the morning and at night, over and over, again and again! Get this, Moses was talking to parents AND he was talking to a lot of people that didn’t have kids! Yet, his instructions were the same. He’s not talking about how to be good parents; he’s talking about how to live every single day. He’s teaching them about a way of life!

—Pastor Chad

You're Not Designed to Be Alone

You can't do this alone because God didn't design you to do life alone... He said doing life alone is bad! God didn't just give us our parents, and our kids, and the other family members we have. God also provides aunties and uncles as many of you were to these once strangers from Africa who lived with us for a short time last month. God provides a church family to love and support us through the thick and thin. God provides mentors to disciple and minister to us.

—Pastor Chad

I'm not throwing stones this morning, I'm throwing out my line and I'm fishing. Because I know something some of you don't know, God has big plans for you! Bigger than you can dream or imagine! I can see God using you even when you can't see it! I know the potential just sitting dormant, and I see God on the edge of His seat just cheering for you to step out of your comfort zone, out of the stale zone, and take a giant leap of faith to be bold for Jesus. It requires serving, especially when you don't think you have time to serve. It requires giving, especially when you don't think you have anything to give. It requires doing life together, especially when Satan is convincing you, you can do this thing called life alone! It's then we need to connect, step up, and put feet to our faith, showing our kids how to live out what we believe, and doing it over and over, again and again!

—Pastor Chad

To the mothers, your job isn't to be everything to your kids. Your job is to be faithful and to surround them with a community of people who will love them and point them to Jesus, alongside you. We're a family and our family is big!

To everyone else, young adults, empty-nesters, men, women, boys and girls, you are part of our church family, and you have big shoes to fill.

Our kids look to you to be an example, to be a mentor, to pour into them and demonstrate the love of Jesus. There's a child who will look at you one day, and you may be the only Bible they will ever read. Don't be stale.

We're not just raising kids; we're raising a church! And we can't do it alone!