



MESSAGE NOTES

PRACTICAL TEACHING FOR EVERYDAY LIVING

Title: **Loneliness: Longing to Belonging**
Series: **The Struggle is Real**
Text: **Psalm 68:5-6; John 14:16-18; Acts 2:42-47**
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_____ is the painful awareness that you **lack meaningful contact** with others. It involves within it a feeling of **inner emptiness** which can be accompanied by sadness, discouragement, a sense of isolation, restlessness and anxiety - and even an intense desire within to be wanted and needed by someone.

- _____ IS A VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL FROM PEOPLE
- _____ IS FORCED ON YOU AGAINST YOUR WILL.

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper corresponding to him." (Gen. 2:18)

HOW DOES GOD MOVE THE LONELY FROM LONGING TO BELONGING?

1. GOD SETS THE LONELY IN A _____.

"Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. ***God settles the solitary in a home***; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land." — Psalm 68:5-6

- GOD _____ WITH THE LONELY.

*Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means ***caring for orphans and widows*** in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. (James 1:27)*

*The Lord ***watches over*** the ***alien*** and sustains the ***fatherless*** and the ***widow***, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked. (Psalm 146:9)*

- GOD'S _____ TO LONELINESS IS NOT A SELF-HELP PROGRAM!

God settles the solitary in a home; (Psalm 68:6)

Your loneliness is not a sign that God has overlooked you, but it is fact one way that God draws you to Himself!

2. JESUS _____ NOT TO LEAVE US ALONE!

"And I will ask the Father, and **he will give you another Helper, to be with you** forever, even the Spirit of truth... ***I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.***" (John 14:16–18)

- **THE _____ OF LONELINESS IS NOT A PROGRAM, A COMMUNITY, OR A CHURCH!**
- **THE REMEDY OF LONELINESS IS GOD _____!**

*Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, **who is in you**, whom you have received from God? (1 Co 6:19).*

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT BUILDS A PEOPLE WHO BELONG _____

"And they **devoted themselves** to the apostles' teaching and **the fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and **the prayers**... And all who believed were together and had all things in common... attending the temple together and **breaking bread in their homes**, they received their food with glad and generous hearts..." (Acts 2:42–47)

Four marks of a community where belonging grows!

- _____ to the apostles' teaching. They put themselves under the Word together. Belonging built on Bible truth lasts longer than belonging built on shared hobbies.
- _____. The Greek word is koinonia. It means more than coffee in the lobby. It means sharing life, struggles, prayers, money, meals.
- _____. They ate together, often in homes, and they remembered the cross at the Lord's Table. Tables, not just sanctuaries, were where the church grew.
- _____. They cried out to God together. A church that prays together stops competing and starts depending.

THE PROMISE!

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Ac 2:47).