

MT. SPOKANE CHURCH

A HEART LIKE MINE

Discovering God's Will for Your Life

'One is NOT the Loneliest Number'

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- Discovering God's will for your life will include facing the issue of **LONELINESS**.

⇒ Please turn in your Bibles to Psalm 25:16-21.

"Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have multiplied; free me from my anguish."

Psalm 25:16-17 (NIV)

- The Hebrew word for lonely is "yachiyd" (יָחִיד). It means only, one, solitary. It primarily means a unique child who is special in the eyes of a parent. It is also used to mean lonely in the sense of being in a solitary place, isolated, and in a state of anxiety, need, and destitution because of lack of resources.

⇒ Please turn in your Bibles to Genesis 22:2.

"Take your son, your only (yachiyd) son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." Genesis 22:2 (NIV)

⇒ Please turn in your Bibles to Zechariah 12:10.

"They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only (yachiyd) child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son." Zechariah 12:10 (NIV)

"From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"- which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:45-46 (NIV)

- **COMFORT** is found in knowing the truth that we are not alone. God is with us and helps us.

⇒ Please turn in your Bibles to 2 Corinthians 1:3-5.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV)

3 Biblical Truths That Can Help Us Deal with Loneliness

BIBLICAL TRUTH #1: God is **OMNIPRESENT**.

- Understanding God's **ATTRIBUTES** or qualities ascribed to Him can help us deal with loneliness.

⇒ Please turn in your Bibles to Psalm 139:7-12.

“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.” Psalm 139:7-8 (NIV)

- God is an **INFINITE** spirit. He is greater than any assigned value we can give Him.
 - ☞ Webster’s Dictionary defines *infinite* as extending indefinitely, endless, immeasurably or inconceivable great or extensive, inexhaustible, subject to no limitation.
- Three key attributes of God are called:
 - 1) **OMNIPOTENT**- no limits on power.
 - 2) **OMNISCIENCE**- no limits on knowledge.
 - 3) **OMNIPRESENCE**- present everywhere all the time.
- The Bible reveals three persons that have all three of these qualities; God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Three distinct persons and yet revealed as one God – called the **TRINITY**.
- God’s attribute of omnipresence, meaning that He is free from the limitations of time and the limitations of space directly **RELATES** to the issue of loneliness.

“Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
Matthew 28:20 (NIV)

BIBLICAL TRUTH #2: The omnipresence of God does not mean that God is present in EXACTLY the same sense everywhere.

⇒ Please turn in your Bibles to Jeremiah 23:23-24.

“Am I only a God nearby,” declares the Lord, “and not a God far away? Can anyone hide in secret places so that I cannot see him?” declares the Lord. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the Lord.”

Jeremiah 23:23-24 (NIV)

- God is **IMMINENT**. That means He is right here, inhabiting and pervading His universe.
- God is immanent but at the same time He is also **TRANSCENDENT**. That means He is rising above and exalted supreme over His universe. He is a God to be worshipped at all times.
- God does not **DWELL** on earth in the same sense that He dwells in Heaven. Jesus drew our attention to be aware of this when we pray.

“This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.”” Matthew 6:9 (NIV)

- God did not dwell in **GENTILE** nations in the same sense He dwelled with His people Israel.

“Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.” Exodus 25:8 (NIV)

“Then the cloud covered the Tent of Meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the Tent of Meeting because the cloud had settled upon it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.” Exodus 40:34-35 (NIV)

- God did not dwell with the Old Testament Jew in the same sense that He dwells with the New

Testament Christian. Nor does God dwell with UNBELIEVERS in the same sense as He does believers today.

⇒ Please turn in your Bibles to John 14:15-23.

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.” John 14:16-17 (NIV)

- Most importantly God does not dwell with believers now in the same sense He will dwell with them in ETERNITY.

⇒ Please turn in your Bibles to Revelation 21:3-4.

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Revelation 21:3-4 (NIV)

- The teaching of God’s omnipresence means for the Christian that God is not only with us but He is IN us – in every situation, in every place, at all times – we are never alone.

BIBLICAL PRINCIPLE #3: The omnipresence of God is applied by CULTIVATING a consciousness of God’s presence at all times.

- We must ACKNOWLEDGE
- God’s presence in times of fear, pain, temptation, struggle - whenever we feel alone. We must learn to share those times with Him.

“The eyes of the Lord are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good.” Proverbs 15:3 (NIV)

“God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” Hebrews 13:5 (NIV)

