



Overcoming Loneliness

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Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." [GENESIS 2:18 NLT]

WHAT CAUSES LONELINESS?

1. Unexpected _____.

As for me, my life has already been poured out as an offering to God. The time of my death is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing. [2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8 NLT]

2. Unending _____.

Timothy, please come as soon as you can. Do your best to get here before winter. [2 TIMOTHY 4:9, 21 NLT]

3. Unwanted _____.

Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm, but the Lord will judge him for what he has done. [2 TIMOTHY 4:14 NLT]

4. Undeserved _____.

For The first time I was brought before the judge, no one came with me. Everyone abandoned me. May it not be counted against them. Demas has deserted me because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus has gone to Dalmatia. [2 TIMOTHY 4:16, 10 NLT]

APPLICATION: HOW DO I OVERCOME LONELINESS?

1. Stay _____ and _____.

When you come, be sure to bring the coat I left with Carpus at Troas. Also bring my books, and especially my papers. [2 TIMOTHY 4:13 NLT]

2. Focus less on your _____ and more on the _____ of God.

The first time I was brought before the judge, no one came with me. Everyone abandoned me. May it not be counted against them. But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength so that I might preach the Good News in its entirety for all the Gentiles to hear. And he rescued me from certain death. [2 TIMOTHY 4:16-17 NLT]

How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit that you have sinned against God and others.
- 2) Believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and died for you on the cross.
- 3) Commit to following Jesus Christ all the days of your life!

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

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