

Series: I LIFE
Message: Isolated
Scripture: Psalm 25 (ESV)
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What is isolation?

Why do we become isolated?

Truth #1

At various times in our lives, we all will be forced to swallow the bitter pill of loneliness.

How do we deal being isolated?

- 1) By looking outward
- 2) By looking inward
- 3) By looking upward

Psalm 25 (ESV)

¹ *To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.*

² *O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.*

³ *Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.*

⁴ *Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.*

⁵ *Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.*

⁶ *Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.*

⁷ *Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!*

⁸ Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.
⁹ He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.
¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
¹¹ For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.
¹² Who is the man who fears the Lord? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.
¹³ His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land.
¹⁴ The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.
¹⁵ My eyes are ever toward the Lord, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.
¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
¹⁷ The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.
¹⁸ Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.
¹⁹ Consider how many are my foes, and with what violent hatred they hate me.
²⁰ Oh, guard my soul, and deliver me! Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in you.
²¹ May integrity and uprightness preserve me, for I wait for you.
²² Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

Jeremiah 29:11-14

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you, declares the Lord.

James 4:8

⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

2 Timothy 4:16-17

¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me.

1 John 1:1-7

³ that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

⁹ Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! ¹¹ Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? ¹² And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Matthew 27:35-51

³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his garments among them by casting lots.³⁶ Then they sat down and kept watch over him there. ³⁷ And over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."³⁸ Then two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left. ³⁹ And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." ⁴¹ So also the chief priests, with the scribes and elders, mocked him, saying, ⁴² "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him." ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" ⁴⁴ And the robbers who were crucified with him also reviled him in the same way.

⁴⁵ Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" ⁴⁷ And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." ⁴⁸ And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." ⁵⁰ And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

⁵¹ And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Truth #2

Jesus experienced the ultimate isolation so that we might experience the ultimate inclusion.