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# monthly devotional

to encourage you in your walk with Jesus

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I think many of us women feel alone at some point in our life. We feel distant from our spouse, which makes us feel alone. We go out into a crowd of people, but still feel alone. You're going through or have been through a tough situation in life, so you feel alone. You speak to God, but don't think he hears you, so you feel alone. Being alone is when you are set apart from others or without anyone or anything else. Being alone is when you have no one else to share a thought or feeling to. Being alone happens when it seems that everyone else around us fits in and has a group of friends, but we do not. I think we as women desire to be seen, heard, and accepted by those around us. I believe this is how God designed us to be, therefore THIS is where the enemy likes to attack!

The enemy desires for you to feel disconnected from those around you and separated from the love of God. He knows that if you are alone then you are feeling isolated and lonely, which is when we can not reach our full potential to further the kingdom of God. Some of the opposite feelings of isolation and loneliness are loved, desired, cherished, treasured, adored, and beloved. Each of those words is exactly how God feels for each of us. We can't feel those wonders from him when we are in the pit of loneliness. We can't demonstrate those actions to others when we are in that pit of isolation. We can't achieve what God is calling us to do for one another when we are alone.

God did not design us to ever be alone. In the very beginning he created Eve so Adam would not be alone, "The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make a helper suitable for him,'" (Genesis 2:19). We need community. We need to share the love, desire, and adoration of God to those around us.

Another thought that has popped into my head (probably means it is coming from the Spirit) is that God never desires us to feel alone. No matter what tough situations you may be encountering, He remains by your side. When we're in a crowd of people and no one is saying anything to you, He remains by your side. When you feel abandoned by someone on this earth, He remains by your side. Our Heavenly Father sent his son, Jesus Christ, to die upon the cross and take on every single part of our sin IN ORDER for us to ALWAYS have him by our side. Jesus took on our sin and took upon himself the loneliness and isolation of sin so that we never would have to feel it! Yahweh, our Most Beloved God Almighty, is standing right next to you at this very moment and is calling out in the most beautiful voice imaginable, "Daughter, I am right here. Look to me and you will never be lonely again."

Romans 15:13 "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Psalms 13: 5-6 "But I will trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord's praise, for he has been good to me."

Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."