

SERIES: *ROOTS: Facing Times Of Drought*

“Facing Loneliness?”

Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NLT), Parts of Psalm 31

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I. FACING LONELINESS

A. Being ALONE Verses Being LONELY

B. 7 Types Of Loneliness

II. DAVID FACING LONELINESS

A. Feeling The Marks Of DISTRESS

Verse 9 *“Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also.”*

Verse 10 *“For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.”*

B. When We Are REJECTED And AVOIDED

Verse 11, *“Because of all my adversaries I have become a reproach, especially to my neighbors, and an object of dread to my acquaintances; those who see me in the street flee from me.”*

C. When We Are FORGOTTEN

Verse 12, *“I have been forgotten like one who is dead; I have become like a broken vessel.”*

III. FAITH ROOTS DURING TIMES OF LONELINESS

A. Recall God’s FAITHFULNESS

Verse 3, 5 *“For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name’s sake you lead me and guide me... you have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.”*

B. Recognize God’s PRESENCE

John 14:18 *“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”*

C. TRUST In The Lord

Verse 14, *“But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, “You are my God.””*

D. Emphasize The NEEDS Of Others

Galatians 6:2 *“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”*

Verse 24, *“Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!”*

THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

- 1. When Do You Feel The Most Lonely?** Discuss with your family and friends this week a time that you felt incredibly alone? How did you get to the other side of it?
- 2. Growing Deep Roots.** Deep roots of faith will help us during times of drought caused by loneliness. Our Faith can be strengthened when we make a list of how God has been faithful. Practice being faithful by showing up for someone who is lonely this week.