

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.