PURSUING GOD, Part 2 October 18, 2020



LONELINESS IS AN EPIDEMIC

Josh McDowell newsletter Oct 15, 2020

- 4 in 10: days without talking with a single person
- British Survey of 2000: 25% feel like they have no friends
- 40% turn to comfort food
- 25% to alcohol
- 75% have not spoken with anyone about how they're feeling
- Those who live alone have gone average of 11 days without speaking with anyone

Psalm 42:1-3 NKJV

As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while they continually say to me, "Where is your God?"

Psalm 42:4-5 NKJV

⁴ When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast.

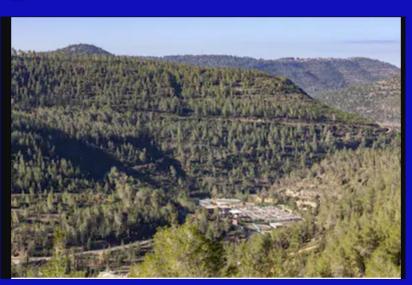
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1. ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR REALITY

Psalm 42:6-7

O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, And from the heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar. ⁷ Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me





Psalm 42:7

NLT: I hear the tumult of the raging seas as your waves and surging tides sweep over me.

MSG: Chaos calls to chaos, to the tune of whitewater rapids. Your breaking surf, your thundering breakers crash and crush me

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3. RE-POSITION YOUR PAST

Psalm 42:8 NKJV

The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song shall be with me-- A prayer to the God of my life.

III. BE HONEST WITH FATHER GOD

Psalm 42:9-10 NKJV

I will say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"

10 As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me, While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

Psalm 42: 11

KJV: Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God

TPT: So I say to my soul, "Don't be discouraged. Don't be disturbed. For I know my God will break through for me." Then I'll have plenty of reasons to praise him all over again. Yes, *living before his face is my saving grace!*

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- **5. BUILD NEW FRIENDSHIPS**

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- 8. <u>SET YOUR HEART</u>

Ps 57:7 NKJV
My heart is fixed oh God my heart is fixed, I will sing and give praise

Let's move forward into our future, PURSUING GOD

