

Jesus Loves the Lonely

Mark 5:1-20

Lies we are tempted to believe

The Lie: Loneliness means I am _____

The Truth: Loneliness strips away the _____ comfort of those around me, driving me to find comfort in _____

The Lord moves us in one of two directions;

3. Towards a deeper _____ with our Savior
 4. Towards the unveiling of an _____ heart – one which ultimately desires comfort more than Christ
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The Lie: I am the only one who has _____ like this, and no one will be able to _____ my pain.

The Truth: Christ will not ask me to suffer anything He Himself has not already _____, and many who have gone before me _____ similar or harder roads than I have in order to bring me the comfort they received in Christ.

The danger of _____

3. _____ from people surrounding us with truth when we need it most
 4. Sends us towards bitterness, depression, hardness, regret, and ultimately _____ in the kingdom of God
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The Lie: A loving God wouldn't _____ take such a lonely road. If He really loves me, He will always provide support, encouragement, and understanding from those around me.

The Truth: A loving God _____ down the loneliest road ever known to man so that I would never have to walk any road alone.

Apart from the grace of Jesus Christ, none of our suffering in this life would have any _____, _____, or _____.

But because of the Gospel, it does!

The Lie: If I feel alone, I must not have _____ faith.

The Truth: Holding fast to Jesus despite loneliness _____ to those around me that He is worth the path I walk...It is an _____ and _____ to be called to walk in His footsteps because it assures me that I am a child of God.

Loneliness is not _____ and does not defeat us but instead _____ us to know Christ more and make Him known to those around us.

Identity of a Saint – You are not your temptations

Identity of the Saint – You are not alone