

LONELY NO MORE!

Matthew 22:34-40

INTRODUCTION: Being lonely means “being without company, or companionship.” What a companion really means is “an intimate friend or associate.” That is someone you may share your heart with and who will share their heart with you. Do you long for that kind of companion?

I. GOD’S PLANS FOR INTIMACY!

Our God created mankind in His own image with the intent of having eternal fellowship with them. On all the days of creation God said it was good until the sixth day: Genesis 2:15-18. The man, although he had fellowship with God was not complete without the woman. Mankind in order to be complete must have fellowship with His God but also with other people. However, because of sin coming into the equation that perfect companionship did not last very long: Genesis 3:1-13. From that point on mankind has feared being exposed to God and to one another not only physically but even more so having our thoughts and emotions exposed. We hide our true thoughts and emotions from each other and the result is loneliness. With our fallen nature we sadly focus on getting our own needs met and we miss God’s two main purposes for our lives. God created us to show our love to him and to other human beings that were made in His image. We need to go back to the Owners Manual to get directions for our lives: Matthew 22:34-40.

II. WHY ARE WE SO LONELY?

We all wonder, “Why are we so lonely?” Could it be that our relationship to our heavenly Father and to others in our lives are far less than intimate? Our heavenly Father longs to have us get intimate with Him: 1 John 4:7-10. In order for us to truly be intimate with God we must accept His love gift to us: John 1:10-14. After we have received Jesus as our Savior, God wants us to put loving Him as more important than anything else in our lives: John 14:15-24. Our Lord desires intimate communion with you; do you desire intimate fellowship with Him? James 4:8; Hebrews 13:5-6; Psalm 23:1-6. Is the Lord your Shepherd today? Revelation 3:20. Like Mary, the sister of Lazarus we may need to stop doing even some very good things in order to develop our communion with Jesus.

III. INTIMACY WITH OTHERS!

When our relationship with our Lord is right we can now become truly intimate with others. In order to create true intimacy, we must remember our Lord’s Golden Rule: Matthew 7:12. Our problem is we live with the fear of rejection of our love and desire for intimacy with them. 1 John 4:18: When Christ died for mankind’s sin He knew many would reject His gift but that did not stop Him from doing His Father’s will. Philippians 2:3-11. Do you consider others as better than yourself? If not, you are not following the Owners Manual. When we chose to sow love and intimacy; we have a promise of God to reap the same: Galatians 6:7-9; Luke 6:38. As we look around our world today we do not see a lot of truly intimate relationships and here is why: 2 Timothy 3:1-5. We need to be growing in the ability to both give and receive true intimacy from our God and from others our Lord places in our lives. Proverbs 18:24.