

We live in a world where we can have hundreds of "friends" and thousands of followers.

So why are we the loneliest generation in history?

Why do we still feel alone?

Loneliness is something we all struggle with.

Why do people not want to be around me?

Why is it so hard to make friends?

Why aren't my relationships fulfilling?

Why do I feel so alone?

Is my life always going to be like this?

The Bible tells us we crave human connection because we were made for community—first with God and then with one another.

God experienced loneliness, too, so He knows what you're feeling.

Even Jesus, who was God in human form, was abandoned by His friends—and by His Father!

And He did all this so we could have our deep desire for community and friendship satisfied in Him and with His people.

What you are about to read is a short summary of how God wants to meet you in your loneliness—by telling you He knows how lonely you can feel.

And He will never abandon you.

He wants to set the lonely into families—and then to have these families go out and help others who are struggling with loneliness.

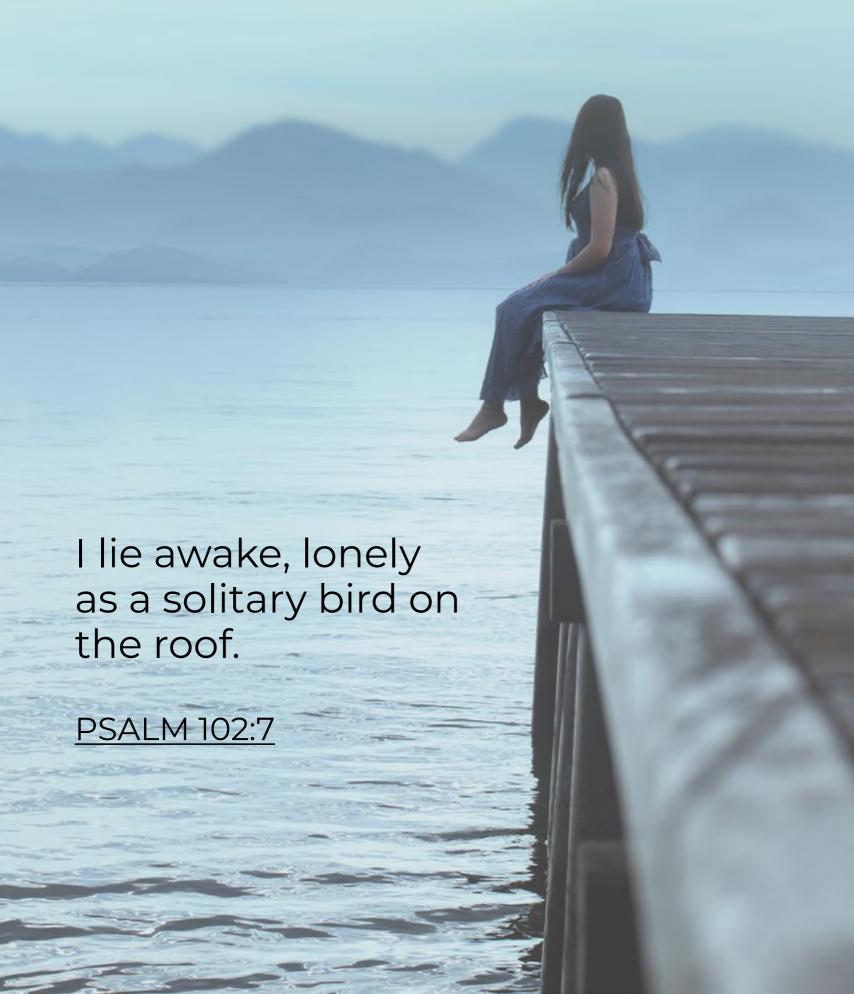


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Turn to me and have mercy, for I am alone and in deep distress. My problems go from bad to worse. Oh, save me from them all! Feel my pain and see my trouble. Forgive all my sins.

PSALM 25:16-18





"But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when you will be scattered, each one going his own way, leaving me alone. Yet I am not alone because the Father is with me."

JOHN 16:32

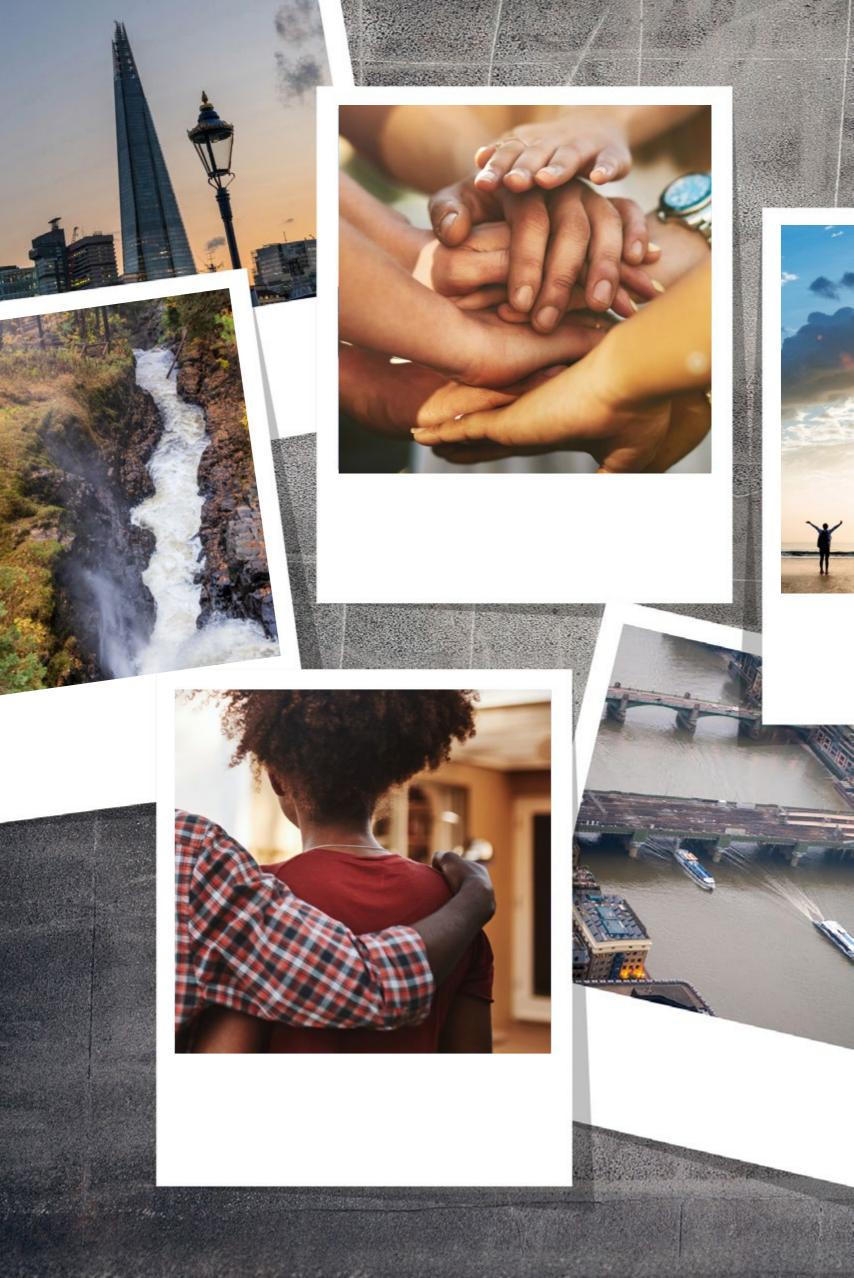
At that point, all the disciples deserted him and fled.

MATTHEW 26:56b



Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?"

MATTHEW 27:46



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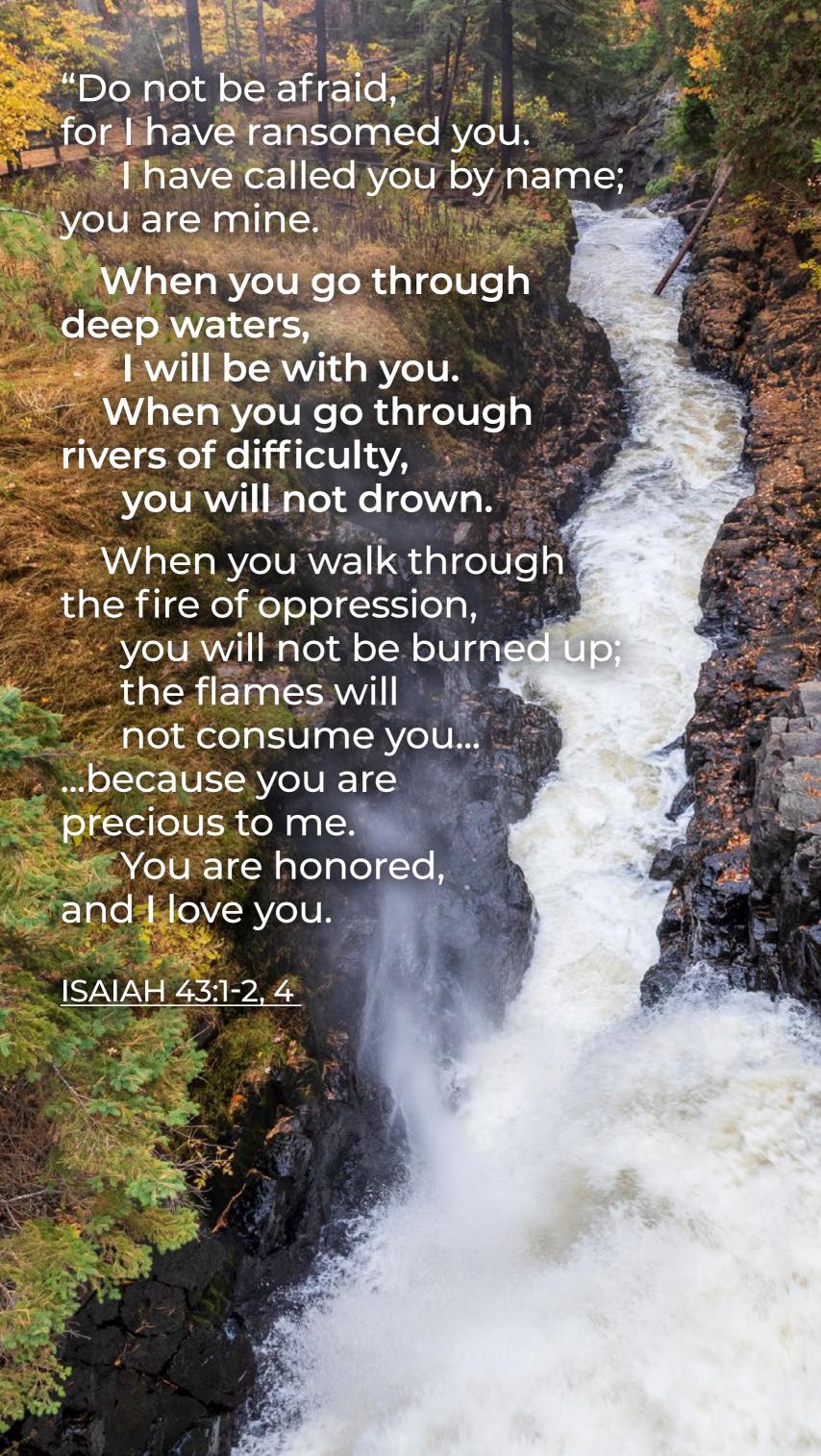


His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

I say to myself, "The Lord is my inheritance; therefore, I will hope in him!"

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-24





God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.

PSALM 68:6a

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

ROMANS 12:4-5



"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid."

JOHN 14:27

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:16

"And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

MATTHEW 28:20

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