

Loneliness

John 4:1-42

1.) The Lonely and Longing are Pursued

"Single or married, young or old, man or woman—everyone experiences loneliness at various times and to varying degrees. No one is exempt. We were created for togetherness, which is why, even before the fall, God declared that man's aloneness was not good. And immediately after his declaration, he created marriage. But marriage was never intended to be the ultimate, eternal remedy for loneliness. That's why the unmarried aren't doomed in this regard. God created human beings with a capacity for loneliness so that we would yearn for and find our all in him." —Lydia Brownback

Psalm 68, "A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, Is God in His holy habitation. 6 God sets the solitary in families..."

verse 9, "...How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?..."

2.) The Lonely and Longing are Satisfied

Read John 4:13-14

Read John 4:16

3.) The Lone and Longing are Empowered

Read John 4:28-29

Read John 4:39

"Ultimately, our less than perfect circumstances aren't the reason we are lonely; our circumstances simply bring out the loneliness that's already there. It's there because right now, in this life, we aren't home yet. Loneliness won't be eradicated until we are finally at home in heaven, completely free from the presence of sin—both ours and that of others—and in the presence of the Lord." —Lydia Brownback