

You Are Never Alone
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I am with you always, to the end of the age. Matthew 28:20b

For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. Romans 14:7

From the very first chapters of the Bible we read that God did not create us to be loners. To Adam He gave Eve. Soon after we see the family of Noah staying together, working together, and helping each other get through a very bad time. Abraham had his wife Sarah and his nephew Lot and a friend named Eliezer of Damascus. David had Jonathon. Elijah had Elisha. Jesus had Peter, James, and John. Paul had Barnabas. You see, God sends people into our lives to help us live out the faith He gave us as a free gift.

There will be times, however, when we will be lonely. But we are never alone. Jesus promised that he would always be with us to the very end.

The reason we are never alone is precisely because Jesus was ultimately alone at one very crucial point in his life. Hanging on the cross, He cries out for God, looking for Him when He needed Him the most. But God the Father is not there. Why? Because that was what was required to purchase our freedom from ultimate loneliness and despair. When God the Father forsook his Son Jesus, our sins were forgiven. We would forever have the assurance that Jesus' promises would always come true. He promised that He would die in our place. He kept that promise. All His other promises would also be kept.

Sometimes, Jesus keeps the promise that we are never alone through other people. Through our wives, husbands, children, parents, best friends, pastors, and other brothers and sisters in the faith. Jesus raises up men and women who write books that touch our hearts and answer questions we face in our daily living out of our faith.

No matter where we are, no matter what we are going through, Jesus is as close as our own hearts. We can talk with Him through prayer and the reading of His Holy Word. We come into His presence in worship. He comes to us in the Sacraments. He is there for us, just as He promised. Of that, we can be sure.

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