



HOW TO NEIGHBOR – 4 OF 4

Lonely Loved

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Don't you be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. Yes, I will help you. Yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness.
--Isaiah 41:10 WEB

WHY ARE MORE OF US DEALING WITH EMOTIONAL POVERTY?

1. BREAK DOWN OF **FAMILIES**
2. INCREASED **MOBILITY**
3. HEAVY **WORKLOADS**
4. RISE OF **SOCIAL MEDIA**

HOW DO WE LOVE THE LONELY?

1. LOVE WITH **TOUCH**.

A man with leprosy came and knelt before [Jesus] and said, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean."
--Matthew 8:2

Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. "I am willing," He said. "Be clean!" Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.
--Matthew 8:3

2. LOVE BY **LISTENING**.

[Jesus] asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast.¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked Him, "Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?"¹⁹ "What things?" He asked...
--Luke 24:17-19

3. LOVE WITH **TIME**.

¹⁷One day Jesus was teaching, and Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there. They had come from every village of Galilee and from Judea and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with Jesus to heal the sick.¹⁸Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a mat and tried to take him into the house to lay him before Jesus.¹⁹When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus.²⁰When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."²¹The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?"²²Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts?²³Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'?"²⁴But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."²⁵Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.²⁶Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."
--Luke 5:17-26