



Message Outline

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John 14:16-18

Not Abandoned

SERIES: Never Alone

Loneliness is one of the great paradoxes of life today. We are more connected than ever, yet more alone than ever.

The disciples knew that feeling long before smartphones. But Jesus doesn't promise that life will become easier. Nor does He promise His followers would never feel lonely.

Instead, He informs them He is leaving...and then promises not to abandon them.

How does Jesus keep His promise?

John 14:18

He sends Someone who...

- Is Like Him

John 14:16a

- Stands Beside Us

John 14:16b

- Will Never Leave Us

John 14:16c

- Lives Within Us

John 14:17



Questions for Further Reflection & Discussion

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1. When have you felt lonely even though you were surrounded by people? What made that experience particularly difficult?
2. Read John 14:16-18 and review the sermon outline. What reflections do you have about it?
3. Jesus tells His disciples that He is leaving, but promises, "I will not leave you as orphans." Why do you think Jesus used the image of an orphan?
4. Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "another Advocate." Do you like the term, *Advocate*, for the Holy Spirit or not so much?
5. What does the idea of someone coming alongside you communicate about the Spirit's role in your life?
6. Which of these descriptions of the Holy Spirit is most meaningful to you right now: Like Jesus, Beside You, Never Leaving You, or Living Within You? Why?
7. Where in your life right now do you most need to remember that you are not alone?
8. What might change this week if you consciously lived with an awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence throughout your day?