



THINGS THAT LAST

2 Timothy

Loneliness is ...

a fact of life

Loneliness is ...

not the same as being alone

Loneliness is ...

not the same as depression

Loneliness is ...

not the same as grief

Loneliness is ...

bad for you

Loneliness is ...

not the experience of just a few

Loneliness is ...

snowballing

Loneliness is ...

sitting within ten feet of you

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“Loneliness, far from being a rare and curious phenomenon, peculiar to myself and a few other solitary men, is the central and inevitable fact of human existence.”

–Thomas Clayton Wolfe

Loneliness is ...

2 Timothy 4:9-12

Paul

- ☀ Imprisoned (1:8)
- ☀ Soon to die (4:6)
- ☀ Abandoned (1:15; 4:16)

1. Loneliness is intensified when people betray us.

“For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.” (10a)

2. Loneliness is confirmed when people replace us.

*“Crescens has gone to Galatia,
Titus to Dalmatia.”* (10b)

3. Loneliness is bearable when people support us.

“Luke alone is with me.” (11a)

4. Loneliness is lightened when people encourage us.

“Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.” (11b)

5. Loneliness is dissipated when people obey us.

“Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.”
(12)

6. Loneliness is lifted when people embrace us.

“Do your best to come to me soon.” (9)

7. Loneliness is overcome when Jesus draws near us.

“But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me ... So I was rescued .. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom.”
(17-18)

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Jesus' presence

Jesus' power

Jesus' purpose

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a fact of life

Loneliness is ...

an invitation

“The pathway to knowing God inevitably passes through the valley of profound loneliness.”

–Dr. Larry Crabb

