

WHEN YOU HAVE TO STAND ALONE

1. Read

- a. Pastor Hankins's Scriptures: Mark 14:43-50
 - i. ⁴³ Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: "The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." ⁴⁵ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. ⁴⁶ The men seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁴⁷ Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸ "Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹ Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled." ⁵⁰ **Then everyone deserted him and fled.**
- b. Most of Jesus early ministry he was not alone. Normally he is with a crowd.
 - i. ...Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. Mark 4:1 | NRSV
 - ii. ...Then he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. Mark 8:6 | NRSV
 - iii. ...but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of **the crowd** in front of Jesus. Luke 5:19 | NRSV
 - iv. ...Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. Matthew 13:2 | NRSV
- c. **Now Jesus Is Alone** - Jesus' followers left him and ran away (NCV); his disciples deserted him (NLT); All the disciples cut and ran. (MSG)
 - i. Loneliness is identified with **isolation**. It can be cause by **sadness**.
 - ii. Sadness can be cause by **betrayal** and abandonment. **{One of the saddest moments in the life of Jesus was His betrayal by Judas...}**
 - iii. What led Judas to betray his Lord and Savior? How could one who had been with Jesus...Seen His miracles...Heard His teachings...betray Him with a kiss?
 1. Jesus was betrayed by a close friend.
 2. Jesus was betrayed by a lover of money. Money was a problem for Judas...He often pilfered from the money box - John 12:4-6. The opportunity to make money led him to betray Jesus - Matt 26: 14-16
 3. **Money can be a problem for us...**the deceitfulness of riches can render us unfruitful - Matt 13:22. The desire for riches and the love of money can lead us to stray from the faith and drown in destruction and perdition - **1 Ti 6:9-10**

2. **Loneliness** is becoming a real problem today despite the population explosion and all the media available. Loneliness is the feeling that nobody thinks about you or cares about you. Loneliness is not the same as solitude. Solitude is good for us; it helps to build us up. Even our Lord Jesus Christ came away from the crowd and enjoyed fellowship with God in solitude. Loneliness tears us down. Loneliness is that awful feeling down inside that you do not count and that if you were missing nobody would miss you. Of course, the result of loneliness is often physical illness, emotional problems, spiritual problems, and sometimes rebellion, withdrawal, even suicide.
 1. The wonderful message of the gospel is that the Father cares for us and that Jesus cares.
 - a. God is concerned about our loneliness (Genesis 2:18)
 - b. God encourages the lonely (1 Kings 19:14–18)
 - c. God takes care of lonely people (Psalm 68:6)
 - d. Friends help in times of loneliness (Ecclesiastes 4:10–11)
 - e. God remains with us (Matthew 28:20)
 2. We as believers ought to care.
 3. Intercede for one another - ¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16)
- b. Sometimes God allows us to be by ourselves (**alone**) to deal with our **character**. **Character** is who you are when no one is watching, and who you are privately should manifest itself on what you say and do publicly. Your character may determine your assignment and “some people will flee from you because they do not understand your assignment.”
- c. **CHARACTER of the Saints includes:** Attentive to Christ’s voice, John 10:3, 4; blameless and harmless, Phil. 2:15; bold, Prov. 28:1; contrite, Isa. 57:15; 66:2; devout, Acts 8:2; 22:12; faithful, Rev. 17:14; fearing God, Mal. 3:16; Acts 10:2; following Christ, John 10:4, 27; godly, Psalms 4:3; 2 Peter 2:9; guileless, John 1:47; holy, Deut. 7:6; 14:2; Col. 3:12; humble, Psalms 34:2; 1 Peter 5:5; hungering for righteousness, Matt. 5:6; just, Gen. 6:9; Hab. 2:4; Luke 2:25; led by the Spirit, Rom. 8:14; liberal, Isa. 32:8; 2 Cor. 9:13; loathing themselves, Ezek. 20:43; loving, Col. 1:4; 1 Thess. 4:9; lowly, Prov. 16:19; meek, Isa. 29:19; Matt. 5:5; merciful, Psalms 37:26; Matt. 5:7; new creatures, 2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:10; obedient, Rom. 16:19; 1 Peter 1:14; poor in spirit, Matt. 5:3; prudent, Prov. 16:21; pure in heart, Matt. 5:8; 1 John 3:3; righteous, Isa. 60:21; Luke 1:6; sincere, 2 Cor. 1:12; 2:17; steadfast, Acts 2:42; Col. 2:5; taught of God, Isa. 54:13; 1 John 2:27; true, 2 Cor. 6:8; undefiled, Psalms 119:1; upright, 1 Kin. 3:6; Psalms 15:2; watchful, Luke 12:37; zealous of good works, Tit. 2:14.¹

¹ Swanson, J., & Nave, O. (1994). [New Nave’s Topical Bible](#). Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems.