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End of Loneliness • Done, Part 4
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THERE REALLY IS MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE
AND THAT "MORE" SPELLS "DONE" TO LONELINESS.

Lonely ≠ not popular, not enough people around
Lonely = deep sense of disconnection

ROOT PROBLEM

"SIN" → "WORSHIP" → alienation
"Exchanged the truth of "exile"
God for a lie..." Loneliness

*How lonely sits the city That was full of people!
She has become like a widow
Who was once great among the nations!
She who was a princess among the provinces
Has become a forced laborer!*

Lamentations 1:1

IF JESUS

"Father Forgive them..."

THEN US

Brought near
by the blood of Christ (Eph. 2:13)

LONELINESS LOSES ITS LOCK WHEN WE

"LIFT UP OUR EYES."

⁹ He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him ¹⁰ with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him.

Ephesians 1:9–10

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might ²⁰ which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Ephesians 1:17–21

EYES OPENED

- There's always HOPE because God's still at work.
- POWER — there's more than we can imagine
- AUTHORITY — God's good intentions for you cannot be trumped.

3 STEPS

1. Loneliness is cured in aloneness — deliberate, purposeful Solitude as a practice.
 - Intentional
 - Longings turned to prayer
2. Patiently, persistently find a community, a group with whom you can have "koinonia."
Koinonia = deliberate sharing of real life, share the common life that comes in connection with Jesus.
3. Practice "hospitality." It's like the 12th step for loneliness.