

# Alone with God

For the most part human beings do not do well being alone. God wired us as social creatures.

- We have a need for \_\_\_\_\_

*The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." **Gen 2:18** (NIV)*

*Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. **Eccl 4:9-10** (NKJV)*

- We have a need for \_\_\_\_\_ (families/churches)

The challenge of the coronavirus has created the need for "social distancing" (increase the physical space between people so that we could slow the spread of the virus and not overwhelm the health care system.

Social distancing was practiced in the Bible where individuals were excluded or isolated from the general population because they had become unclean (Lev 13-14).

What can we do during these days? We can hibernate and hide, or we can make the best of being alone. While we are social creatures, there are times where we need to be alone.

We need to take time to be alone with God

- \_\_\_\_\_ was alone with God

*That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. After he had sent them across the stream, he*

sent over all his possessions. So, Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. **Gen 32:22-24** (NIV)

- \_\_\_\_\_ was alone with the Father

*Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone. **Matt 14:22-23***

While staying connected to one another will be a challenge in these days, we can stay connected with the Lord regardless of any current circumstances.

1. Stay in the \_\_\_\_\_
2. Fill your home with \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ without ceasing
4. Encourage another \_\_\_\_\_

*Then those who feared the LORD spoke with each other, and the LORD listened to what they said. In his presence, a scroll of remembrance was written to record the names of those who feared him and always thought about the honor of his name. **Mal 3:16** (NLT)*

**John 15:1-8**