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Abandonment

What a lonely word: abandoned. Left on your own . . . all by yourself . . . alone. Yeah, it's a pretty lonely and scary experience. The feeling of being abandoned can come for different reasons. Sometimes friends turn their backs on you. Sometimes people move away. Sometimes families break up and a dad or mom leaves. Sometimes people die. Any of those things can make you feel abandoned . . . alone. Know what, though? You aren't ever completely alone. Really, you aren't.

Never Alone

Matthew 28:16-20

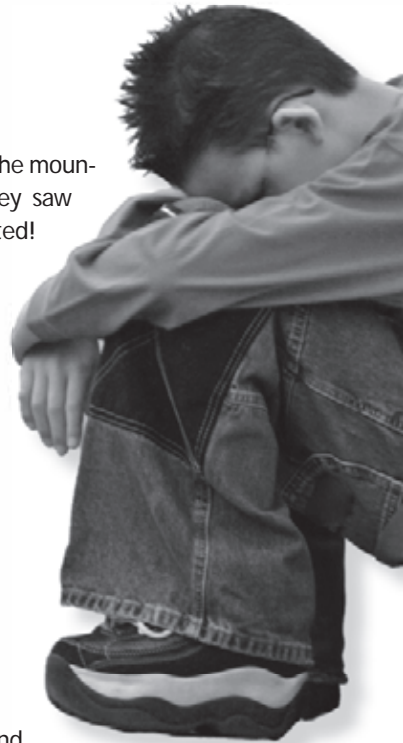
Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Jesus, the Way to the Father

John 14:1-14

"Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going."



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"No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!"

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.



"I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!"

The Holy Spirit Is Always with You

John 14:15-29

***Be strong and courageous!
Do not be afraid
The LORD your God will
personally go ahead of
you. He will neither fail
you nor abandon you.
—Deuteronomy 31:6***

"If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you. Soon the

world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live. When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them."



Judas (not Judas Iscariot, but the other disciple with that name) said to him, "Lord, why are you going to reveal yourself only to us and not to the world at large?"

Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. Anyone who doesn't love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me. I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too great for me to understand! I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!

—Psalm 139:5-7

"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid. Remember what I told you: I am going away, but I will come back to you again. If you really loved me, you would be happy that I am going to the Father, who is greater than I am. I have told you these things before they happen so that when they do happen, you will believe."

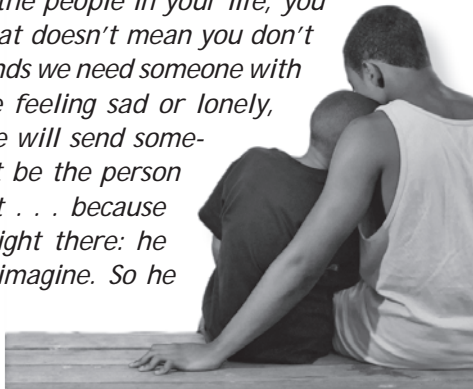
Get it? God is with you. He sent the Holy Spirit to live inside you, so he is always there. You can talk to him whenever you want to. You can tell him whatever is on your mind.



Abilities

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No matter what happens with the people in your life, you always have God. Of course, that doesn't mean you don't need people, too. God understands we need someone with skin on, especially when we're feeling sad or lonely, and he can handle that too. He will send someone to be with you—it may not be the person you expected, but he will do it . . . because he loves you. That's the key right there: he loves you. More than you can imagine. So he will stick close to you, listen to you, take care of you, help you, and always love you. You are never alone.



Abilities

What are you a specialist at? Is there something you love to do, something you're really good at? Do you believe you have any special talents? Okay, not that you have some heroic or superhuman abilities or something. But just stop and think about what you like to do, whether it's playing basketball or talking to friends—you do have abilities. And once you know what your abilities are, what will you do with them?



Use Your Abilities Well

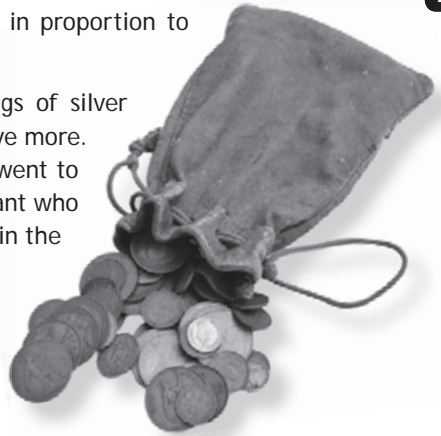
Matthew 25:14-30

"The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and

one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

“The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money.

“After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’



“The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

Dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.

—Romans 12:1

“The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’

“The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

“Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’

“But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’

Abilities

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“Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

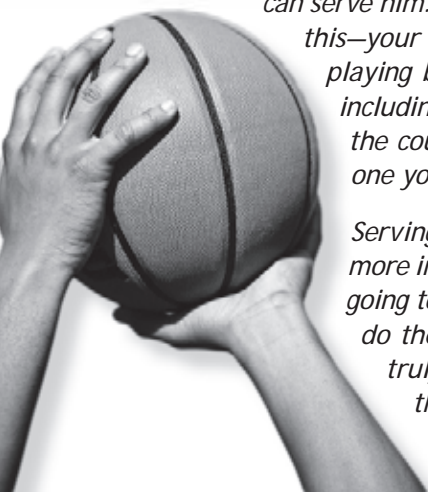
Doing What You're Supposed to Do

Luke 6:43-45

“A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. A tree is identified by its fruit. Figs are never gathered from thornbushes, and grapes are not picked from bramble bushes. A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart.”



The bottom line is that God has given you the ability to do something well—maybe more than one something. Doing that thing is one way you can serve him. You don't have to get superspiritual about this—your ability might be something as simple as playing basketball with friends and being fair and including others who don't usually get a chance on the court. It might be showing kindness to someone your classmates don't like much.



Serving God with the abilities he has given you is more important than talking big about what you're going to do for him. Yep, save your breath and just do the stuff he gave you the ability to do. That truly shows your love for him. It also shows that your love for him and your desire to serve him are more than skin deep. If your words about loving God are just words

you think you need to say, then they won't be backed up by actions of kindness and love. So . . . they mean nothing. The important thing is to use the abilities God gave you for his work. If you use those talents well, he may give you more abilities and more ways to serve him. That's because he knows you take his work seriously and you'll do your best for him.

A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

—1 Corinthians 12:7

Anger

So when's the last time you blew your top? Everyone gets angry sometimes. But did you know God has something to say about that? Yep, he does. God knows you're going to get upset sometimes, but he wants you to respond to your anger in a godly way. He wants you to keep your cool and not say or do things you will be sorry about later.

Anger Is More Than Shouting

Matthew 5:21-22

"You have heard that our ancestors were told, 'You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.' But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell."



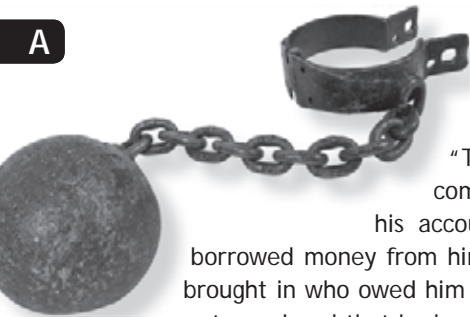
Forgive Already!

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came to [Jesus] and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?"

Anger

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“No, not seven times,” Jesus replied, “but seventy times seven!”

“Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. He couldn’t pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt.

“But the man fell down before his master and begged him, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.’ Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt.

“But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment.

“His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it,’ he pleaded. But his creditor wouldn’t wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full.

***“Don’t sin by letting anger control you.”
Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry.***

—Ephesians 4:26

“When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, ‘You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. Shouldn’t you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt.

“That’s what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart.”

The Story of the Lost Son

Luke 15:11-32

Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.