
EVERYDAY drift

Matthew 9:36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

1 Peter 2:25 For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

John 10:11 “I am the Good Shepherd.”

The resurrection and the life!

John 11:25 “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;²⁶ and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”

Isaiah 55:1 “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

² *Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.*

Pg. 1: Normative; Exile. Pg. 2: Expectations.

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The Surprising Virtue of Loneliness

Satisfied-part 1

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Proverbs 27:20 Hell and destruction are never satisfied, and never satisfied are the eyes of man.

Today’s message deals with loneliness.

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Strategy: The horizontal and the vertical

The Problem of Loneliness

EXPECTED.

- N_____.

Romans 8:23 Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.

- E_____ – We’re not home, yet.

Hebrews 11:13 These all died in faith, not having received what was promised, but having seen it and greeted it from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and

exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

EXACERBATED

Misplaced E_____.

Matthew 22:37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

Matthew 22:39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

God as "first thing pleasure/needs"

Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--he cannot be my disciple.

People as second thing pleasure/desires.

Exodus 20:3 "You shall have no other gods before me. ⁴ "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship (1st thing pleasure; top value) them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand [generations] of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Loneliness, a case study

Ecclesiastes 2:8 (Solomon writes) "I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces; I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, man's delight.

Eccl. 7:26 "And I found more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and whose hands are fetters; he who pleases God escapes her, but the sinner is taken by her."

1 Kings 11:3 He had seven hundred wives of royal birth and three hundred concubines, and his wives led him astray.

The Redemption of Loneliness

EXEMPLIFY Christ

Matthew 22:39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 5:46 If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?
