



Feeling Unloved?

Has there ever been a time in your life where you did not feel loved? Maybe you feel unloved right now? There may be seasons in life when love feels like it has packed its bags and walked out the door. You can be surrounded by people and still feel invisible. You can be married and still feel unwanted. You can pray and still feel unheard. Often, you question, “*Did I do something wrong?*” or “*Why does no one love me?*” What do you do? Do you know that the scriptures offer instruction?

When you feel unloved, be honest with God. Do you remember how David questioned whether God was still with him? In **Psalm 13.1**, David said, “*How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me?*” David, the man after God’s own heart, felt forgotten. He felt unloved. He felt abandoned. As David, when you do not feel loved, take it to God. God can heal the pain. Honesty with God is the doorway to healing. When human relationships fail, God reminds us of who we are—“*See what kind of love the Father has given us, that we should be called the children of God; and so we are*” (**I John 3.1**). God told the children of Israel when they felt abandoned, “*For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but My steadfast love shall not depart from you*” (**Isaiah 54.10**). Jeremiah reveals God saying to us, “*I have loved you with an everlasting love, therefore I have continued My faithfulness to you*” (**Jeremiah 31.3**).

When human love fails, God reminds us that His love is eternal. Thus, when you feel unloved, don’t suffer, don’t get depressed, don’t go it along. Take it to God because God can heal your hurting.

When you do not feel loved, move toward others instead of isolation. Often, we tend to withdraw and keep to ourselves. We feel like no one loves us, so we pull away from others. We may stop answering texts, stop showing up when others gather, and stop letting people in. But God designed healing to happen with the help of others. There will be someone to remind you of what is true. There will be someone to pray when you cannot. There will be someone to sit with you in silence. There will be someone to speak to you when your heart is experiencing pain. You do not really need a crowd, just a few people who will bring the love of Christ to refresh and renew you.

You may not feel loved today. But you are loved—deeply, fiercely, eternally—by the One who has never stopped pursuing you. Will you trust God and be reassured that He loves you knowing that He will never leave you nor forsake you (**Hebrews 13.5**)? God is love!



Gary

Strength For The Weary

Psalm 121.1-8

- 1) Have you ever been totally exhausted?
- 2) Where do you find strength when fatigue overcomes you?
- 3) Even the strongest people can run out of strength.

Isaiah Reveals To Us That...

I). God's _____ Is _____ (Isaiah 40.28).

- A) Isaiah begins with a question that almost sounds like a gentle rebuke.
 - 1) It is Isaiah's way of saying: "You already know this—but you have forgotten in your exhaustion."
 - 2) What does Isaiah remind them?
- B) Your exhaustion is not a sign of God's absence.
 - 1) Then what is it?
 - 2) Do I realize God is always there?

II). God Gives Strength To The _____ (40.29).

- A) God meets us not only at the _____ of our performance, but also at the _____ of our capacity.
 - 1) God does not simply observe our weakness—He steps into it with power.
 - 2) When our _____ is gone, when our _____ feel thin, when our _____ has leaked out through the cracks of life, God moves toward us rather than away.
- B) Your weakness is not a _____ in God's kingdom.

III). _____ Strength _____, Even At Its _____ (40.30).

- A) Isaiah makes it clear:
 - 1) _____—the symbol of _____—will grow _____.
 - 2) _____—the picture of _____—will stumble and fall.
 - 3) Human strength, no matter how impressive, has _____.
- B) Notice the progression:
 - 1) _____—emotionally drained.
 - 2) _____—physically or spiritually drained.
 - 3) _____—even the strongest humans eventually run out.
- C) You were never designed to run on your strength indefinitely.

IV). _____ In God Is Strength _____ (40.31).

- A) Those who wait on the LORD will renew their strength.
 - 1) How do we "wait on the LORD"?
 - 2) Do I rely upon God?
- B) What does God do for those who hope in Him?
 - 1) He gives you strength to _____ your problems.
 - 2) He gives _____ to sustain your strength.

Conclusion: Do you need to bring your weariness to God today?

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Good morning WH family!

I'm hooked, I admit it. I have recently started playing the NY Times "*Connections*" game on my phone. The challenge: you're given 16 random words that at first look like they have absolutely nothing in common. But as you think, sort, and reflect, you begin to notice patterns. Suddenly, that one strange word you couldn't place fits perfectly into a group you didn't expect. What looked disconnected and totally unrelated turns out to be linked in a surprising and meaningful way.

In many ways, the church is like that game. On Sunday mornings we look around and see people of different ages, backgrounds, careers, personalities, interests, and much more.

At first glance, it may appear that we don't have much, if anything, in common. But just like in the *Connections* game, when we take the time to look deeper, talk, and truly get to know one another, the links and connections begin to appear.

We discover that the person sitting three rows back shares a similar life challenge. Someone we've never spoken to has walked through the same valley we're in right now. Another person has a skill or experience that complements our own. Someone else needs encouragement in the very area where God has strengthened us.

Paul reminds us, "For we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another." (Romans 12:5) In other words, our connections aren't accidental—they are God-designed.

Just as the *Connections* game becomes easier as we learn how to look for patterns, building relationships in the church becomes richer when we intentionally seek out what we share rather than what separates. Something powerful happens when we move from simply attending the same service to actually knowing the people around us.

This week, try playing a real-life, Jesus-like version of *Connections*:

- Talk to someone you usually might only wave at.
- Sit with a person or family you've never sat with before.
- Ask someone about their story.
- Share a prayer request—or ask how you can pray for them.
- Invite someone to lunch, coffee, or a conversation.

You may discover that the people you assumed were in a completely different "category" actually share a meaningful connection with you—one placed there by God Himself.

And the more we discover those connections, the stronger, healthier, and more joyful our church family becomes. Try it! – You'll be blessed.



--Les Keele

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Steven Johnston

Song Leader - Russ Jones

Song - Shout Hallelujah!

Song - When We All Get To Heaven

Song - The Days Of Elijah

Opening Prayer - Joe Tomme

Scripture - Psalm 121:1-8

Song - Worthy Is The Lamb

Lord's Supper - David Birdow

Prayer for Contribution - David Birdow

Song - He Gave Me A Song

Strength For The Weary - Gary Williams

Song - Do You Know My Jesus

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - John Walton

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Attendance

Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for age birth to 3 years and a mother's nursing room.

Single-side in-ear mono earbuds with personal receivers are available for those with hearing difficulties. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for assistance.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, January 12

Psalm 127; Genesis 25; Matthew 6

Tuesday, January 13

Genesis 26; Matthew 7

Wednesday, January 14

Genesis 27-29; Matthew 8

Thursday, January 15

Genesis 30; Matthew 9

Friday, January 16

Genesis 31; Matthew 10

Saturday, January 17

Psalm 131; Genesis 32-33; Matthew 11

Sunday, January 18

Psalm 64; Genesis 34; Matthew 12

Last Week

Bible Class	136	On-Line Sunday	25
Worship	230	On-Line Wednesday	8
Thai - Lao	37	Wednesday	92
Worship PM	57	Contribution	\$ 10,233.69
		Budget	\$ 15,372.28

Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM