

LONELY LOVED
How To Neighbor – Part 4
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Luke 10:27 (NIV) *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, Love your neighbor as yourself.”*

**Jesus didn’t say WHO to neighbor.
He only showed us HOW to neighbor.**

Genesis 2:18 (NIV) *“The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.’ ”*

WHY PEOPLE DEAL WITH RELATIONAL POVERTY...

1. The breakdown of families.
2. The increased mobility of people.
3. The heavy workloads.
4. The rise of social media.

God’s people are to be the solution to these issues.

HOW DO WE LOVE THE LONELY?

1. Love with touch.

Matthew 8:2 (NIV) *“A man with leprosy came and knelt before Him (Jesus) and said, ‘Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.’ ”*

Matthew 8:3 (NIV) *“Jesus reached out His hand and touched the man. ‘I am willing,’ He said. ‘Be clean!’ Immediately he was cleansed of his leprosy.”*

2. Love by listening.

Luke 24:17-19a (NIV) *“He (Jesus) asked them, ‘What are you discussing together as you walk along?’ They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸ One of them, named Cleopas, asked Him,*

'Are You the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' ¹⁹ 'What things?' He asked."

**You can be like Jesus if you will
listen to people tell you their story.**

3. Love with time.

Luke 5:25 (NIV) *"Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God."*

**Whoever God puts in front of you is
probably God's assignment for you.**

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS GOD GIVES US...

James 1:27 (NIV) *"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."*

Look after Orphans and Widows.

1 Timothy 5:4 (NIV) *"But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God."*

Psalms 82:3-4 (NIV) *"Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. ⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."*

Psalms 68:5-6a (NIV) *"A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy dwelling. ⁶ God sets the lonely in families."*

Ephesians 1:5 (NLT) *"God decided in advance to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ. This is what He wanted to do, and it gave Him great pleasure."*

Isaiah 41:10 (NIV) *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*