

Never alone

"You are not alone, I am here with you. Though you're far away, I am here to stay." Touching are the words sang by Michael Jackson years ago. They could almost be mistaken for verses picked out of the Psalms or Isaiah. I believe that is because there is a recurring theme in the Bible of God wanting to be close to his children. One of God's highest values is communion. Can He make good on His promise to never leave us alone? Join us as we explore and experience the promise of being "Never Alone."

1) Read Matthew 28:16-20

Did you see what I saw? We are in the last chapter of Matthew. Jesus is saying His goodbyes, and the Bible tells us that "some doubted." They have seen miracle after miracle yet they doubted. Jesus still finds it within His heart to say "I am with you." Have you ever felt God with you, even while you doubted Him? Tell us about it here at *Message* using **#MessageMag** on Social Media.

2) Read Joshua 1:1-9

The disciples were not the first to doubt. Can you imagine becoming the CEO of a company that has been in turmoil for more than 4000 years, and the previous CEO turned things around only to be forced to pass it to you. Can you feel the pressure? Do you think you can do it? What would God's words have meant to you in a time like that? Tell us about it here at *Message* using **#MessageMag**.

3) Read Isaiah 41:10; Deuteronomy 31:6; Zephaniah 3:17

The most common command in the Bible is some form of "do not be afraid." Without fail this command is accompanied by the assurance that God will be with you. Have you finally come to the place in your relationship with God that His presence is enough to get rid of stress and anxiety? To what can God's presence give peace in your life? Share it with us here at **#MessageMag** so we can pray for and with you.

4) If you have children, you may know that getting them to sleep in their own bed when they are young can be a struggle. I believe it is because they sense the security of being in close proximity to their parents. It's natural. We are God's children, and I want you to take a moment, wherever you are to close your eyes and imagine being in the presence of God. Little do you know, you are!

5) May I give you a homework assignment? When was the last time you had a memory verse? We at *Message* would love to see a video of you reciting Romans 8:38-39. It's fitting to know that nothing keep you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. Post it to Social Media and tag **#MessageMag**.

6) Matthew 28:16-20; John 14:18;

John 20:17; Romans 8:34

Yes, the disciples doubted, but that didn't stop Jesus from letting them know that they wouldn't be alone. Jesus was going to the Father on our behalf, and He ensured that God would not just be with us, but in us. The disciples would face much but they would face it all with God. Do you really believe that you face every day with God? Don't share. Just meditate on the promise that you can face the world with The Most High on your side.

7) The disciples would set off a chain reaction that resulted in countless people over the next 2000 years believing in the Lord Jesus Christ. Amid the peaks and valleys, suffering or success, for those who chose to follow

Christ, one thing always rang through and true. It was the promise that His children were never alone.

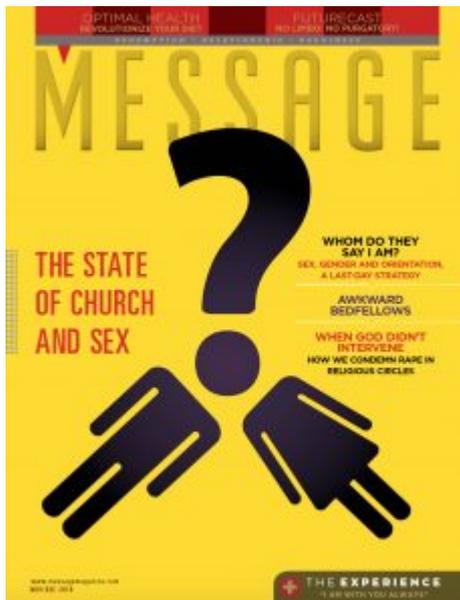
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