

You are not alone!

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- It is not good for the man to be alone, I will make a helper suitable for him. Gen. 2:18

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IV. NALC-specific problem which is, we are a church that is geographically distant from each other and churches and pastors suffer from being alone

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Jesus Fixed This Problem of Being Alone!

But how?

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I. If you are in the Prophetic Promise and in the Apostolic Witness, you are not alone!

Genesis 3-John 1:14, In the beginning was the word, the word was with God and the word was God ...the word became flesh.

When you are in the word of God you are not alone!

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II. Family is formed and instituted by God to deal with issues of being alone:

- **Genesis 2 – God formed the first family**
- **Gospels – Jesus was born into a family**

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III. The Body of Christ is our Christian family; a place to be born again, a place to grow again and a place to die again and again

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IV. You are not alone when the spirits leads you into and through the wilderness and when angels come down from heaven to minister to you.

Supernatural presence of God with us!

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V. If you are in a discipleship culture, you are being discipled and you are making disciples; therefore you are not alone, and you will never be alone.

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VI. If you are connecting with your community and if you are intentionally forming strategic mission-driven networks, you are not alone.

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VII. When relationships were broken and when apostolic unity was shaken to the core, Jesus came back from the dead and reorganized his apostolic community by rebuilding their faith.

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VIII. When you leave the past and move into the future to serve and honor Jesus, you are not alone!