

## Don't WALK by yourself

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6 songs –

1. Only the lonely – Roy Orbison - 1960

Know the way I feel tonight, know this feeling aint right there goes my baby,  
there goes my heart

2. Owner of a lonely heart – YES - 1983

You always live your life, Never thinking of the future  
Prove yourself

3. The outside – Taylor swift - 2006

She wrote it soon after getting her first guitar. 12 years old feeling like an  
outcast, not knowing if anyone was going to talk to her that day.

4. Eleanor Rigsby – beatles P Mccartny - 1966

His dad was a working class guy who taught him to give up his seat on the  
bus for older people. He met an older lady who needed help with her  
shopping and when she died, nobody really noticed.

5. Lonely days – BEEGees – 1980

Good morning mister sunshine, you brighten up my day

Come sit beside me in your way

I see you every morning, outside the restaurants

6. All by myself – Eric Carmen - 1975

Living alone I think of all the friends I've known

But when I dial the telephone Nobody's home

## Why do we withdraw from people? Cause people suck! LOL

Offended, hurt feelings, manipulated, disappointments, heat is good till you get burnt. Psalm 55:12-14

**Separation** = to set apart, to set different value (worth) on different things. to define differently from something else. To protect sacred from ordinary. Good from evil, dark from light, etc. Mark 1:35 Luke 5:15,16

**Loneliness** = feeling sadness because one has no friends or company. a subjective, unwelcome feeling of lack or loss of companionship,

**Isolation** = to remain alone or apart from others. habitually choose not to find anything in common with anyone. Embracing despair and hopelessness

Prov 18:1

**Rejection** = to dismiss or refuse a proposal, idea, or person. To spurn affections.

Being? Giving it? We do whats done to us?

**Friendship / companionship** = united in purpose, direction, goals, values, shared identity and experiences.

**Idolatry** = replacing the holy and sacred with an imposter. Putting something or someone in Gods place.

Loneliness can be a gift... to push you to God. He alone can satisfy!

Or a curse if you find acceptance, identity in sin, people, or material things

WE often REJECT GOD, ISOLATE from Christians, instead of separate from the world and embrace the lonely road that leads to Christ.

We just want to be liked, accepted, belong, identify...

But with who??? For what??? (people over God = idolatry)

## **Some things are worse than being alone...**

1. Trapped in dysfunctional relationships
    - a. People with different values
    - b. People who refuse to define any values (beliefs, goals)
  2. rowing in a boat going the wrong way
  3. hating the road your on, despising your own behavior in response to those around you.
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Amos 3:3

Gen 2:18

Exodus 33:15 -

Jesus gives peace – John 14:16,17 . . . 24:27

Jesus was rejected - John 7:5, . . . Luke 4:29 . . . Mark 6:3

**Phil 2:3** – learn to value others, not reciprocate how you’ve been treated

Proverbs 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend.

## **BOUNDARIES –**

Proverbs 12:26 The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray

Proverbs 13:20 Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble.

**Proverbs 18:24** One who has unreliable friends soon comes to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

**James 4:4** – friend of the world...enemy of God

1 Corinthians 15:33 Do not be misled: “Bad company corrupts good character.”

Psalm 26:4-5 I did not sit with liars, and I will not be found among hypocrites. I have hated the mob of evildoers and will not sit with wicked people.

Psalm 1:1 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,  
Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

John 15:14-16 You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call  
you slaves, because the slave does not understand what his master is doing. But I  
have called you friends, because I have revealed to you everything I heard from my  
Father.

### **Walking on the road to Emmaus... Luke 24**

1. Jesus is trying to reveal himself
2. We are too caught up in our own problems to recognize Him
3. He is always taking us somewhere on purpose