

Why Does It Matter If I Am Left All Alone?

I. Introduction:

A. Christians know that we are not alone in the spiritual sense (**Psalms 37:28** and **Hebrews 13:5**).

1. Think about how Jesus said “I am not alone” (**John 16:32**).
2. However, in the physical sense, Jesus was left alone (**Mark 14:43-50**).

B. But, what about my brethren (**Proverbs 17:17**)?

1. Sadly, sometimes your so-called “brethren” aren’t there (**II Timothy 1:15**, **II Timothy 4:10**, and **II Timothy 4:14-17**).
2. Yet, not all brethren will fail us (**Romans 16:1-9** and **II Timothy 1:16-18**).

II. Body: It Does Matter If You Are Alone (**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**).

A. The history of Christianity has a certain record that proves people will try to make us fail (**Acts 14:22**, **Acts 26:10-11**, and **II Thessalonians 1:3-6**). So, with enemies abounding...

1. If you’re alone, who is there to pick you up if you fall spiritually (**Proverbs 27:5-6**, **Galatians 6:1-2**, **Hebrews 3:12-13**, and **James 5:19-20**)?
2. If you’re alone, who is there to pick you up if you fall physically (**Acts 9:23-25** and **Acts 17:10-15**)?

B. Once Peter got strong, he was supposed to strengthen the brethren (**Luke 22:31-32**; cf. **John 21:15-17**)?

1. Brethren exhort, charge, and comfort each other (**I Thessalonians 2:11-12**).
2. Brethren are a key component to the way God comforts (**II Corinthians 7:6**; **7:13**).

C. Think about the infinite wisdom of God in bringing the saved together in local congregations (**Ephesians 4:15-16** and **Colossians 3:12-15**).

1. When we assemble together (**Hebrews 10:23-25**).
2. From the beginning of the church, the beauty of fellowship (**Acts 2:42**) with likeminded folks (**Philippians 2:1-2**).

III. Conclusion: If you’re a faithful Christian, you are part of a family that is both visible and invisible (**Ephesians 3:14-15**; cf. **Hebrews 12:22-23**). You’re not alone!