

**Victory Connect Lesson**  
**Leaving Lonely Behind**  
**Pastor Paul Daugherty**  
**February 11, 2024**

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**2. A house divided is destroyed.**

Mat 12:25 KJV - 25 And Jesus..said...Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

**3. Isolation from others is not healthy.**

Pro 18:1 CSB - 1 One who isolates himself pursues selfish desires; he rebels against all sound wisdom.

**How to Leave Lonely Behind**

**1. Make time to build quality relationships.**

Pro 27:17 DBY - 17 Iron is sharpened by iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

**2. Speak words of life into the lives of others.**

Eph 4:29 RSV - 29 Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for edifying, as fits the occasion, that it may impart grace to those who hear.

**3. Be generous with others.** 1Pe 4:10 NIV - 10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

**4. Pray for others and with others.** Act 2:42 NIV - 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Share a time you realized you needed community?
2. How do you keep from becoming isolated?
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