



FOUNDATIONS

WE ARE BUILT ON HIS NAME

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed,
“**The Lord, the Lord**, a God merciful and
gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in
steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping
steadfast love for thousands, forgiving
iniquity and transgression and sin, but who
will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the
iniquity of the fathers on the children and
the children's children, to the third and the
fourth generation.” - **Exodus 34:6-7**

"SOLITUDE"

WHAT IT IS NOT...

- Punishment
- Time Away
- "Me Time"

WHAT IT IS...

- Intentionally Stepping Away From Distractions & Noise – to be With God
- Silencing the Outside & the Inside to Hear God
- Being Led by God to Seek God

Biblical Solitude

Hagar: Sarah Sent Her Away – God Met Her
(Genesis 21)

The Israelites: 40 years Wandering
(Exodus-Deuteronomy)

Moses: 40 – Egypt, 40 - "Solitude", 40 – Wandering with Israelites (Exodus-Deuteronomy)

Elijah: After Defeating the Prophets of Baal – Went into the Wilderness and God Provided (1 Kings 19)

David: Running From Saul (1 Samuel 23-24)

John the Baptist: *"Voice Crying Out From The Wilderness"*
(Luke 1)

Jesus: 40 Days & *"As He Often Did."* (Gospels)

Paul: After Conversion – Spent time in Wilderness Arabia
(Galatians 1)

Is Solitude Necessary?

- To Empty One's -Self & Seek God

We Desperately Need Solitude!

- *Where We Face Ourselves*

- *Where We Face God*

Jesus in the Wilderness – The Spirit...

- Led Jesus (Luke 4:1)
- Took Jesus (Matt 4:1)
- Drove Jesus (Mark 1:12)
- Brought focus - Mission, Truth, & the Father

How to Have Solitude?

- **Eremos (ἔρημος) – Wilderness, Desert, Lonely Place**

We Make Ourself -

- **Available to God**
 - *Not Escaping - Running to Him!*
- **Listen to God**
 - *Not a Silence - Seeking Him!*

**Luke 5:16 – When the Crowds Grew, the Ministry Got Full, & Jesus Got Busy –
“He frequently withdrew to ‘lonely places.’”**

*“Therefore, behold, I will allure her,
and bring her into the wilderness, and
speak tenderly to her.” - Hosea 2:14*

**Deny Ourselves – Know Who We Are &
Who’s We Are – Identity in Jesus**

**Pick Up Our Cross – Know Who the
Enemy is – It’s Sin... Not Jesus**

**Follow Him – Know the World Will
NOT Satisfy – Live Like Jesus**



Solitude:

Brings us to God

&

Fills us with God