

REVIVE: A Call to Persevere
Navigating Loneliness, Cultivating Connection
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Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1:2-5

The Pandemic's Impact on our Communities

The Effects of Isolation and Loneliness

Keys to Persevering During a Pandemic

Positive Outcomes of a Pandemic

1. Knowing that God is in control
2. More time for intimacy with God
3. Sharing the love of Jesus with and caring for others
4. Time for self-reflection and self-awareness
5. Increase creativity in maintaining relationships
6. Opportunity to slow down

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Personal Reflection

1. What is one thing that you are going to do differently as a result of this session?

2. What Bible verse will you memorize and mediate on to help you navigate loneliness?

3. Who will you connect with and encourage this week?

Resource List

Books:

- *Courageous* – Dr. Robert Jeffress
- *Shelter In God* – Dr. David Jeremiah
- *When Your World Falls Apart* – Dr. David Jeremiah
- *Coronavirus and Christ* – John Piper
- *God and the Pandemic* – N.T. Wright
- *Hope in the Dark* – Craig Groeschel

Websites:

- www.pewresearch.org
- www.mentalhealthamerica.org/covid-19
- www.barna.com/research/church
- www.eenet.ca/resource/research-snapshot-impact
- [you tube: Loneliness Research](#)