

## Not Alone: God's Relentless Pursuit

Weekly Devotionals | June 14

### Introduction

As our church walks through the Old Testament together, noticing how God did not leave His people alone then—and does not leave us alone, now—we invite you to spend time digging a little deeper. Each week during this series we will provide Old Testament passages that connect to the focus of the past Sunday's message and allow you to explore the people, places, and events further.

As you read these passages, you will be guided to reflect on four aspects of the text, using the acronym L.I.F.E.

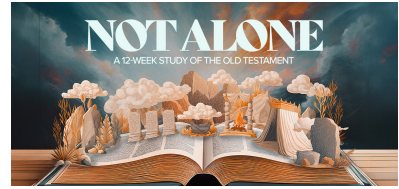
- L:** Literal – What is actually happening in the text? Who are the people? Where are the places? Who is doing what to whom and why?
- I:** Incarnational – How does this text point to Jesus? Where do we see our need for Him, a promise of His coming, or a symbol ("type") of His role or function?
- F:** Formational – What does this text call us to do? Is there a command to obey? A principle to apply? A way of responding to God?
- E:** Eternal – How do these passages point us to our ultimate future reality? How does this text gain significance and meaning in light of "the end of the story" that was unknown to the readers at the time, but that we've been given a glimpse of?

### Reading: God Dwells with His People

Here's the reading for this week. If you read five days this week, you will need to average just over 1 ½ chapters a day. Or experience them during three "sessions" and read all the chapters listed next to each section at once. They are designed to be grouped together as listed.

Psalms 1, 2, 23

Psalms 27, 46, 82



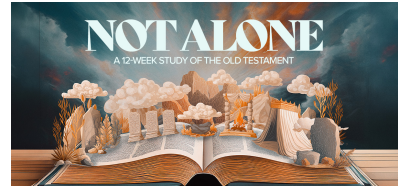
Psalms 91, 121, 136

As you read, look for examples of answer to any of the L.I.F.E questions and make note of them in this guide or in your Bible.

L.I.F.E Notes on Psalms 1, 2, 23:

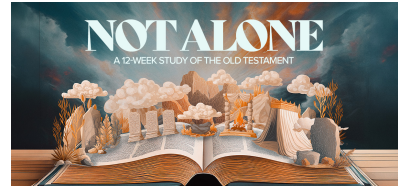
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As you complete your reading for this week, look back on the reading as a whole and reflect on the following questions.

- **Literal:** This week's reading contains Psalms about God's law, God's king, God as the Good Shepherd, and more. What themes or patterns do you see in these stories? What stands out to you?
  
- **Incarnational:** Jesus is the one who obeyed God's law perfectly, who IS God's King, who brings us to the place of still waters, is the one who comes to help when we lift our eyes up to the Lord. How else do these Psalms point you to Jesus?
  
- **Formational:** How might these Psalms apply to your own life? Is there an aspect of God's law you need to more closely obey? Is there something you need help with that you need to take to God? Is there too much noise in your life such that you just need to "be still and know" that God is God? Is there something else these Psalms call you to?



- **Eternal:** Read Psalm 23. Based off this passage, in your own words write out what life in God's eternal kingdom might one day look and feel like.

### **L.I.F.E. Insight**

Prayerfully consider one thing that has stood out to you from this week's reading. Why might God be calling your attention to it? How is He inviting you to respond? Consider praying what you've noticed in the space below.