



(SLIDE #1) WHERE NO ONE STANDS ALONE!

Introduction:

- A. "Alone" Can Be A DAUNTING Word!

- B. This Is The Title Of A Beloved And Powerful Hymn!
 1. It only has two verses and a chorus; however it is incredibly poignant!

 2. It's message reminds us of the tremendous reliance we have upon Jesus Christ!

- C. History Of The Hymn:
 1. It's author was Mosie Lister.

 2. He wrote hymns from age 17; he wrote over 500 hymns.

 3. He was an accomplished hymn writer who had written very popular hymns entitled:
 - a. "How Long Has It Been?"
 - b. "'Til The Storm Passes By"

 3. He loved coming up with hymn ideas and lyrics when he was driving.

 4. In 1955 he was driving alone down the highway in northern GA; he began to sing these words:

"Hold my hand all the way,
Every hour, every day,
From here to the great unknown;
Take my hand,
Let me stand,
Where no one stands alone."

 5. He kept this chorus in his mind and sang it for over a year; however, he had no verses.

 6. The impetus for the verses: He thought of David in Ps. 27 when he wrote "Hide not your face from me."

D. **(Slide #2)** The Words Of The Hymn “Where No One Stands Alone”:

Verse 1:

“Once I stood in the night with my head bowed low,
In the darkness as black as could be;
And my heart felt alone, and I cried,
‘Oh, Lord, don’t hide your face from me.

Chorus:

Holy my hand all the way,
Every hour, every day,
From here to the great unknown;
Take my hand,
Let me stand,
Where no one stands alone.

(Slide #3) Verse 2:

Like a king I may live in a palace so tall,
With great riches to call my own;
But I don’t know a thing in this whole wide world
That’s worse than being alone.

Chorus:

Holy my hand all the way,
Every hour, every day,
From here to the great unknown;
Take my hand,
Let me stand,
Where no one stands alone.”

I. **(Slide #4) Where Man IS SO Alone!**

A. **In His Sin!**

1. Words Of The Song:

“Once I stood in the night with my head bowed low,
In the darkness as black as could be
And my heart felt alone and I cried,
‘O Lord, don’t hide Your face from me.”

2. Oh, sinners like to congregate together; misery loves company! You see it when they promote things like:
 - a. Partying
 - b. Drinking
 - c. Doing drugs
 - d. Fornicating
 - e. Gambling

3. AH, but when you have to deal with sin, You Are SO Alone!
 - a. You have to deal with YOUR sin!
 - b. It is between YOU and GOD!
 - c. Ps. 51:4 “Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done *this* evil in Your sight.”
 - d. Ezek. 18:4 “The soul who sins shall die.”
 - e. Ezek. 18:20 “The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.”
 - f. No one else can help justify you.
 1. Friends cannot help.
 2. Family or family heritage cannot help.
 - a. Mt. 3:8,9 “Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, ⁹and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as *our* father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.”
 - b. You cannot rely upon past godly family members to deliver you.

4. When a Christian sins, “It’s Me, It’s Me O Lord, Standing In The Need Of Prayer!”

5. Christ Is The Answer:

“Hold my hand all the way,
 Ev’ry hour; ev’ry day,
 From here to the great unknown,
 Take my hand;
 Let me stand
 Where no one stands alone.”

B. At Death!

1. We Are All Going To Die!
 - a. Heb. 9:27 “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,”
 - b. It may be very soon!
 - c. “We Are Going Down The Valley One By One!”

2. Death Is A Very Individual Event.
 1. No one else can do it FOR us; likely no one else will do it WITH us.
 2. Ecc. 4:9,10 “Two *are* better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. ¹⁰For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him *who is* alone when he falls, For *he has* no one to help him up.”
 3. What could be sadder than facing death alone? With no hope?
3. Christ Is The Answer: The Chorus Of “Where No One Stands Alone” says:

“Hold my hand all the way,
 Ev’ry hour; ev’ry day,
 From here to the great unknown,
 Take my hand;
 Let me stand
 Where no one stands alone.”
4. “What A Friend We Have In Jesus.”

C. At The Judgment.

1. Imagine being in a courtroom accused of death and having no attorney.
 - a. John Mohammed tried it in his sniper murder trial in Virginia. It didn’t take him long to decide this was not going to work.
 - b. If you have no attorney, you are ALL ALONE!
2. Imagine being at the Judgment trying to defend yourself!
3. Christ Is The Answer:
 - a. Christians have an “attorney” in the judgment.
 1. I Jn. 2:1,2 “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”
 2. How grateful we should be; the judge is our “advocate.”
 3. II Tim. 4:8 “Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.”
 4. Rom. 14:10 “For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.”
 5. II Cor. 5:10 “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

6. The Christian can say, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” Ps. 23:4
- b. Realizing the vengeance of Christ against sin at the Judgment, one must see his desperate need to be Christ’s then and to stand there with Christ.
 1. II Cor. 5:11 “Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;”
 2. II Thess. 1:7-9 “and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, ⁸in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,”
- c. Christ is the answer: The CHORUS OF “Where No One Stands Alone” says:

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 Ev’ry hour; ev’ry day,
 From here to the great unknown,
 Take my hand;
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II. (Slide #5) Where Man May Feel Alone But Is Not Alone!

- A. **In Life** -- Some Feel Totally Alone While Living In The World.
 1. You are living in a world of 7.7 billion people.
 2. You are living in a country of 328 million people.
 3. Yet many feel SO alone.
 4. We may have to push ourselves to SEE others, develop a heart for others, care for them, and find ways to assist them.
 5. Many single people feel very alone; many married people do too!
- B. **In Aging.**
 1. One may have never married, mates may have died, there may have been no children, children may have died, and most of one’s peers may have died.
 2. They may feel SO alone!
 3. Even in the midst of aging, there are others near your age; there are younger people whose lives you can bless if you do not hibernate!

C. When **Leaders** Are Trying To Guide People Toward God And Heaven And Feel SO Alone!

1. Sometimes followers do not follow.
2. Sometimes they are rebellious.
 - a. Miriam and Aaron criticized Moses. Nu. 12:1-15. God struck Miriam with leprosy!
 - b. Korah, Dathan, Abiram, and On. Lev. 16
 1. Their charge: “They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, ‘*You take* too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation *is* holy, every one of them, and the LORD *is* among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?’” Nu. 16:3
 2. God opened the earth and swallowed those rebels into the heart of the earth!
3. Moses was SO burdened in trying to lead Israel.
 - a. “I am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden *is* too heavy for me.” Nu. 11:14
 - b. Ah, but God was with him throughout the 40 years of his leadership!

D. **When We Are Standing For God And Don’t Feel Others Standing With Us!**

1. After the might victory against the prophets of Baal and the prophets of the groves, Jezebel threatened Elijah and he wilted!
 - a. He felt SO disheartened and alone!
 1. I Ki. 18:22 “Then Elijah said to the people, “I alone am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal’s prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men.”
 2. I Ki. 19:10 “So he said, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.’”
 3. I Ki. 19:14 “And he said, ‘I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.’”
 - b. God’s reply:
 1. “I am with you!”
 2. “I have work for you to do!”
 3. “Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” I Ki. 19:18

2. David faced many adversaries and people who lied about him; he realized that his parents could forsake him!
 - a. He knew He needed God; his plea:
 1. “Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.” 9
 2. “¹⁰When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take care of me.” 10
 - b. Yet he was NOT alone!
 - c. Ps. 27:1-14 “The LORD *is* my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD *is* the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? ²When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell. ³Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war should rise against me, In this I *will be* confident. ⁴One *thing* I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple. ⁵For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. ⁶And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD. ⁷Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me. ⁸*When You said*, ‘Seek My face,’ My heart said to You, ‘Your face, LORD, I will seek.’ ⁹Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. ¹⁰When my father and my mother forsake me, Then the LORD will take care of me. ¹¹Teach me Your way, O LORD, And lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies. ¹²Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; For false witnesses have risen against me, And such as breathe out violence. ¹³*I would have lost heart*, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the LORD In the land of the living. ¹⁴Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!”

E. Yes, We May Feel All Alone; BUT There Is A Place “Where NO ONE STANDS ALONE!”

Verse 1:

“Once I stood in the night with my head bowed low,
 In the darkness as black as could be;
 And my heart felt alone, and I cried,
 ‘Oh, Lord, don’t hide your face from me.

Chorus:

Holy my hand all the way,
Every hour, every day,
From here to the great unknown;
Take my hand,
Let me stand,
Where no one stands alone.”

III. (Slide #6) Where Man Is NEVER Alone!

A. In Christ!

1. He is the Christian’s Savior, Lord, and Friend!
2. “What A Friend We Have In Jesus!”
 - a. He encourages us to find true meaning in life.
 - b. He urges us to use our blessings for the good of brethren and others.
3. The promises of the Godhead: “We will NEVER leave you or forsake you!”

B. In God’s Family!

1. Christians MUST understand the “family concept” of the Lord’s Church.
2. That means they must NEVER sit idly by and wait for others to do all the reaching out to them.
3. That means that Christians must reach out to other Christians when they need emotional support.
4. We are with people of similar conviction, faith, and love for Jesus!
5. We are with people who are commanded to “Love one another!”
6. No one stands alone if ENGAGED in the Church!

7. Hymn: "God's Family"

Verse 1:

"We're part of the family, that's been born again
Part of the family, whose love knows no end
For Jesus has saved us, and made us His own
Now were part of the family, that's on it's way home.

Chorus:

And sometimes we laugh together
Sometimes we cry
Sometimes we share together
Heartaches and sighs
Sometimes we dream together
Of how it will be
When we all get to heaven, God's family.

Verse 2:

When a brother meets sorrow
We all feel his grief
When he's passed through the valley
We all feel relief
Together in sunshine, together in rain
Together in victory
Through His precious name.

Chorus:

And sometimes we laugh together
Sometimes we cry
Sometimes we share together
Heartaches and sighs
Sometimes we dream together
Of how it will be
When we all get to heaven, God's family.

Verse 3:

And tho some go before us
We'll all meet again.
Just inside the city
As we enter in.
There'll be no more parting.
With Jesus we'll be,
Together forever, God's family!

Chorus:

And sometimes we laugh together
Sometimes we cry
Sometimes we share together
Heartaches and sighs
Sometimes we dream together
Of how it will be
When we all get to heaven, God's family.
When we all get to heaven, God's family."

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C. (Slide #7) When Standing On The Promises!

1. They give us GREAT peace, security, confidence, and hope!
2. They calm our soul because we KNOW God cares!
3. We can sing: "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less Than Jesus' Blood And Righteousness!"
4. We can sing: "It Is Well With My Soul!"
5. When externally life is a wreck, we can sing "Whispering Hope!"

(Slide #8) Conclusion:

- A. If You Are A Christian, If You Are Close To Christ, You Are NEVER Alone!
“What A Friend We Have In Jesus!”

- B. If You Are Not A Christian, NO ONE Can Bear Your Guilt For You!

- C. Christ Is The ONLY Answer For Sin!

- D. YOU Can Choose To Turn To Christ.
 - 1. Rev. 22:17 “And the Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come!’ And let him who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.”

 - 2. Mt. 16:25 “For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”

- E. When You Seek Relief From The Pain Of Sin, “What A Friend We Have In Jesus!”