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WHAT DO YOU DO IN THOSE INBETWEEN TIMES?

(like at a bus stop, in a queue, waiting
for a taxi, having lunch?)

http://www.ted.com/talks/sherry_turkle_alone_together.html

SHERRY TURKLE, *CONNECTED, BUT ALONE*

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ALL BY MYSELF

(DON'T WANT TO BE)

A growing inability to deal
with being alone.

But the need for us to be in
solitude is increasing.

The importance of
pausing with God.

And the reality that you
might have to wait.

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;
Lord, hear my voice. Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.
If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.
I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.
Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.

Psalm 130

He is worth waiting for.

Corrie Ten Boom said, "If you want to hear God's voice clearly and you are uncertain, then remain in His presence until He changes this uncertainty. Often much can happen during this waiting for the Lord. Sometimes He changes pride into humility; doubt into faith and peace; sometimes lust into purity. The Lord can and will do it."

Colossians 3:1-4

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NOISE POLLUTION

Let's play remember.

**We want a deeper
connection with God.
We want to hear from God.**

**But we want it on our terms
& conditions.**

11 "But they refused to pay attention;
stubbornly they turned their backs and
covered their ears. 12 They made their hearts
as hard as flint and would not listen to the law
or to the words that the Lord Almighty had
sent by his Spirit through the earlier prophets.
So the Lord Almighty was very angry.

Zechariah 7:8-14

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4

Learn to listen.

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EXERCISING SOLITUDE

#1 Reason

~~Lack of faith in God.~~

Complete trust in self.

This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says:

“In repentance and rest is your salvation,
in quietness and trust is your strength,
but you would have none of it.

You said, ‘No, we will flee on horses.’

Therefore you will flee!

You said, ‘We will ride off on swift horses.’

Therefore your pursuers will be swift!

A thousand will flee

at the threat of one;

at the threat of five

you will all flee away,

till you are left

like a flagstaff on a mountaintop,

like a banner on a hill.”

Isaiah 30:15-17

**Where are you running to?
Who is giving you your orders?**

Make Time for Solitude

**start with 10 minutes a day.
no technology.
no distractions.
you & a passage to meditate on.
seek & wait for God.**