

# Never Alone "*Life As it Was Meant to Be*" - Jim Burgen

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**Bible References:** *Genesis 3:8-9, Genesis 4:6-10 and Numbers 6:24-25*

## Community:

1. What's your favorite memory of your mother or a strong, female figure in your life?
2. Where do you like to get away or what activity do participate in when you want to relieve stress, and why?

## Core:

1. What does *hearing from God* and *talking to God* look like to you? Do you struggle with experiencing God? If so, what do you think is standing in the way?
2. Jim said that faith is, "*Relying on something, as if it were so, and then acting accordingly.*" How does faith play a role in how we experience God?
3. Jim shared that we are not just *physical* beings, but we are *spiritual* beings too. How would you describe the spiritual part of yourself? What have you experienced in your life (and in others) that supports we are spiritual beings and how does this mirror the image and nature of God?
4. Jim described heaven as, "*Right where you currently are, surrounded by and interacting with God.*" Does this cause you to re-think your idea of heaven? What do you think it looks like to be *surrounded by and interacting with God* in day-to-day life?
5. Jim said that prayer is, "*The interactive conversation with God about what He and I are doing together.*" Does this reflect your current approach to prayer? How have you viewed prayer in the past leading up to now? What does *praying* normally look like for you?
6. Jim said, "*God will always give you enough distance to respond to Him.*" Have you seen God doing this in the past? What has been your response been to God so far...and do you want to respond differently going forward?

## Challenge:

Jim encouraged everyone to read **Numbers 6:24-26** every day this week. Then, spend some time asking God for the things listed in this passage for yourself—and for those around you. Finally, find somebody to verbally say these things to; as a means of blessing and encouragement.

