

## ALONE

by JOY L. MASON

**GENRE:** Drama

**SYNOPSIS:** To open a discussion about loneliness.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** The easy thing to do here is to play Amy as hopelessly depressed. That doesn't serve the character and doesn't connect with the audience. To make the audience identify with Amy, avoid playing her as stereotypically depressed. She is a normal, fully functional young woman. But she has moments-more often than not-of feeling completely alone, even in a crowd of people. Many people in the audience will be able to identify with that. So work with the actress playing Amy to find layers to the character. Create some subtext so Amy is someone to whom we all relate, not someone for whom we feel sorry.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 1

**TOPIC:** Loneliness

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Luke 5:16, 1 John 3:19-20

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** General Church Service

**CHARACTERS:**

Amy - A young woman, lost and alone, even in the midst of people

**PROPS:** None

**COSTUMES:** Contemporary clothing, appropriate to character and setting

**SOUND:** One wireless mic

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** Bare stage

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*Lights up on AMY, standing or sitting alone on the edge of the stage.*

### Amy

When I was 6, I got lost in the mall. My mom was busy talking to a sales clerk and I was bored, so I started to wander off. I swear I didn't go far, but all of a sudden, Mom was nowhere to be found. I headed back to where I thought she had been, but she wasn't there. I looked all around-up, over, around-and I couldn't find her. I just sat down and cried until finally she found me. Granted, I was 6-hadn't lived much yet-but it was the scariest thing that had ever happened to me.

I hate to admit it, but it still is. Not so much the being lost part-I don't get lost much anymore. But what scared me the most that day-and still scares me today-is being alone. Not even so much being smack dab in the middle of nowhere, with no one else around alone, but there, in the middle of a crowded place with people all around, and still feeling so very much alone. Like no one else knows me, cares about me.

Of course, being by myself isn't really fun either. I hate sitting by myself at lunch-no one to talk to, having to keep my thoughts at bay. Because when I'm alone, the thoughts just keep coming and coming. Bad thoughts, scary thoughts, about life, about death, about God ... and still, it's like no one else knows me, like no one else cares.

Oh, I know. (*Shrugs*) God cares-or is supposed to. He's supposed to always be there-darkest nights, saddest times-all of that stuff. And sure, I guess he is. Sometimes.

So why do I still feel alone?

*..... Lights down.*

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