



## Wednesday: Relationship

“Behold your son: behold your mother.”

Jesus' life, death, and resurrection changed everything. One of the things that it changed is what it means to live life *together*.

In Psalm 68 the psalmist writes, “God sets the lonely in families.”

As he hung on the cross, Jesus' mother was present. It brings a new and horrific reality into the narrative. Jesus' earthly mother was present as he died. I can't imagine the pain she would have felt. Many of us have lost loved ones; mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, grandparents and friends. That list could easily have been longer. Many people are lonely.

“Behold your son: behold your mother.”

Jesus redefined family for his mother; raising her up into a new community.

**Jesus' desire is to put you into community.** The church, or *ekklesia* as Jesus called it, was a gathering of people. It was a movement. It was a community.

We are living in an ever increasing state of isolation. While we live our lives on social media for all to see, all studies point to the fact

that people are more and more lonely. God's desire is to create and keep creating communities of faith. We believe that you come alive and you are at your best when you are part of a community living life *together*.

### Questions for Reflection

1. Do you find yourself lonely this Easter season?
2. What does it mean to you that God's desire is to place you into a new family and community?
3. How will you practice being family today?