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*This message, “Together, But Isolated,” delivered by **Pastor (Mrs) Faith Oyedepo**, is a timely and deeply needed teaching on one of the most silent yet destructive conditions affecting many marriages today.*

At a time when homes appear outwardly intact yet inwardly disconnected, this sermon brings divine clarity to the difference between physical presence and emotional or spiritual unity. It exposes the subtle erosion that occurs when couples share space but lose fellowship, intimacy, communication, and shared purpose.

What makes this message especially significant is its balance of truth and restoration. It does not merely diagnose the problem of isolation in marriage; it also illuminates the pathways of healing—through intentional togetherness, forgiveness, communication, honour, and sacrificial love. Every section calls couples back to the original design of God for marriage: oneness.

The wisdom contained in this teaching is not theoretical. It is practical, applicable, and deeply pastoral. It speaks to busy homes, strained relationships, silent battles, and emotional distance that often goes unnoticed until damage has been done. Yet within its counsel lies hope—hope that every marriage can be restored when aligned with God’s order.

As you engage this message, may your heart be open to reflection, correction, and restoration. And may every home that encounters these truths experience renewed love, deeper unity, and lasting peace in Jesus’ name.

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INTRODUCTION

Today our topic is captioned *“Together, But Isolated.”*

Mark 10:9 says:

“What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

Marriage is instituted for the good of mankind, primarily to provide an opportunity for better living. Indeed, humans are relational beings, and we all know that we are better off in cordial and peaceful relationships than being isolated.

I have come to discover, however, that one of the things that can easily destroy a marriage is a husband and wife living together but isolated from each other.

Study shows that women experience isolation in marriage more than men. Therefore, women out there—especially those of you who are already married—take caution. Isolation is one of Satan’s chief strategies for destroying marriage.

It is my prayer for all of you that are married already that your marriage shall not be destroyed. And for those of you who are not yet married, I pray that when you get into marriage, the devil will not be able to find access into your home.

TOGETHERNESS

TogetherNESS is the quality and state or condition of close association. It is a pleasant feeling of being united with your spouse in friendship and understanding.

This is what togetherNESS is all about.

ISOLATION

Being isolated means having minimal contact or little in common with your spouse. It means being separated or living in solitary condition.

In marriage, it is possible to live together under the same roof and yet be isolated. This is a paradox, but it truly happens in many marriages and homes today.

ISOLATION IN MARRIAGE

What does isolation in marriage mean?

It is a painful awareness that you lack meaningful connection with your spouse. It involves a feeling of inner emptiness, a sense of being uninvolved or rejected.

When isolation infects a marriage, husband and wife exclude each other. They feel distant. They lack closeness and real intimacy. This is not the will of God for marriage.

You may even live in the same house, share the same bed, eat at the same dinner table, watch the same television, and still be isolated. You can talk but not communicate. You live together without sharing life.

I want you to examine yourself today: are you together or are you isolated?

When there is isolation in marriage, some couples avoid each other or give silent treatment. The marriage becomes less intimate, less affectionate, and over time, disconnected.

Some attitudes begin to set in: “Who cares?” “Why try?” “We’ll talk tomorrow.” “That’s your problem, not mine.” Such a nonchalant attitude can lead to separation or divorce.

Like a terminal virus, isolation can invade marriages silently—slowly, painlessly at first—but by the time it becomes obvious, it may be too late.

So it is time to wake up and deal with it. If you are experiencing isolation in your marriage, do not ignore it. Do not assume it will change with time. Take responsibility and deal with it so togetherness can be restored.

CAUSES AND CURE OF ISOLATION

1. BUSY WORK SCHEDULE

Times are changing, and some people have to work extra hard to make ends meet. Some even hold two or three jobs, and this can be very demanding.

However, busy schedules can lead to neglect of marriage and family. No one who is constantly neglected will willingly give attention in return.

Yes, you must work to provide for your home, but be careful not to neglect your spouse. Peace, harmony, and connection will begin to decline when neglect sets in.

Many are forced into isolation to protect their self-esteem.

My advice is simple: no matter how busy your schedule is, create time for your spouse and family. It is not necessarily how long, but how well.

Spend time together. Go on short outings. Go on dates. Take walks together. Exercise together. Do activities that build togetherness.

2. UNRESOLVED CONFLICT

Constant conflict leads to lack of understanding and eventually isolation. When conflict is carried over, it leads to blame and prejudice. There is no atmosphere of peace, and such marriages begin to tear apart.

You must understand that peace in your home benefits both you and your spouse. Never go to bed angry. Resolve differences quickly. Do not hold grudges. Resentment and oneness cannot coexist.

Are you holding grudges today? Deal with it now. Do not wait until tomorrow.

3. ABUSE

Abuse of any kind—physical, emotional, or financial—can lead to isolation. There are homes where couples physically fight and injure each other. There are also cases of financial neglect or control, where provision is withheld or hidden.

Emotional abuse also exists—nagging, insulting words, and disrespect. No form of abuse should be allowed in marriage. Most couples in abusive situations develop defence mechanisms and isolate themselves for protection.

This must stop.

Treat your spouse with respect and love. Learn small acts of kindness. Help each other. Serve each other. Work as one.

4. COMPETITION

Competition in marriage is unhealthy. It leads to isolation. When husband and wife begin to see themselves as rivals instead of partners, cooperation is replaced with competition.

Amos 3:3 asks:

“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”

Marriage is not a contest. It is a covenant of partnership. Husband and wife are not competitors but one team working together.

CONCLUSION: THE CALL TO TOGETHERNESS

Isolation in marriage often happens gradually as disconnection increases over time. If not addressed, it can destroy any marriage. It is often said: if you want to go fast, go alone; but if you want to go far, go together. We are not designed to function in isolation. Isolation is an enemy. If you are experiencing it, take steps now. Look up to God for help.

I pray for you: may every storm in your marriage be silenced in Jesus' name. May wisdom be released to take the right steps, and may your home be restored to peace and unity. Finally, if you are not born again, you cannot fully enjoy what we are talking about.

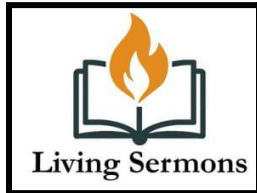
Pray this prayer:

“O God, I come to You today. I am a sinner. Jesus, save me. Wash me. From today I am born again. Amen.”

Congratulations if you prayed that prayer sincerely. You are now a child of God.

God is too faithful to fail.

So shall it be, in Jesus' name.



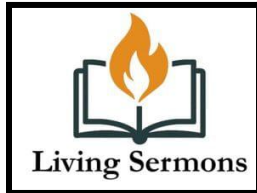
About the Speaker

Pastor (Mrs.) Faith Oyedepo is a Nigerian Christian author, teacher, and preacher widely known for her consistent ministry alongside her husband, David Oyedepo, the founder of Living Faith Church Worldwide (Winners' Chapel).

She has served for decades in the Christian ministry, with a strong emphasis on marriage, family life, womanhood, and godly character. Her teachings are marked by simplicity, practical wisdom, and a focus on building stable Christian homes rooted in scriptural principles.

Beyond her public teaching role, she is also recognized for her consistent support in church leadership development and humanitarian efforts connected to the ministry she co-labors in. Over the years, her voice has remained steady in reinforcing values of faith, order, and responsibility in Christian family structures.

Her contribution to contemporary Nigerian Christianity is largely seen through the lens of discipleship in the home, where she continues to influence both younger and older generations of believers through teaching, example, and structured mentorship within the church community.



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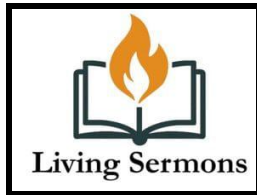
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