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And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord, more than all who were before him. And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he took for his wife Jezabel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal and worshipped him.

*1 Kings 16:30-31*



And the word of the Lord came to him: “Depart here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. You shall drink from the brook and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” So he went and did according to the word of the Lord. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

*1 Kings 17:2-6*

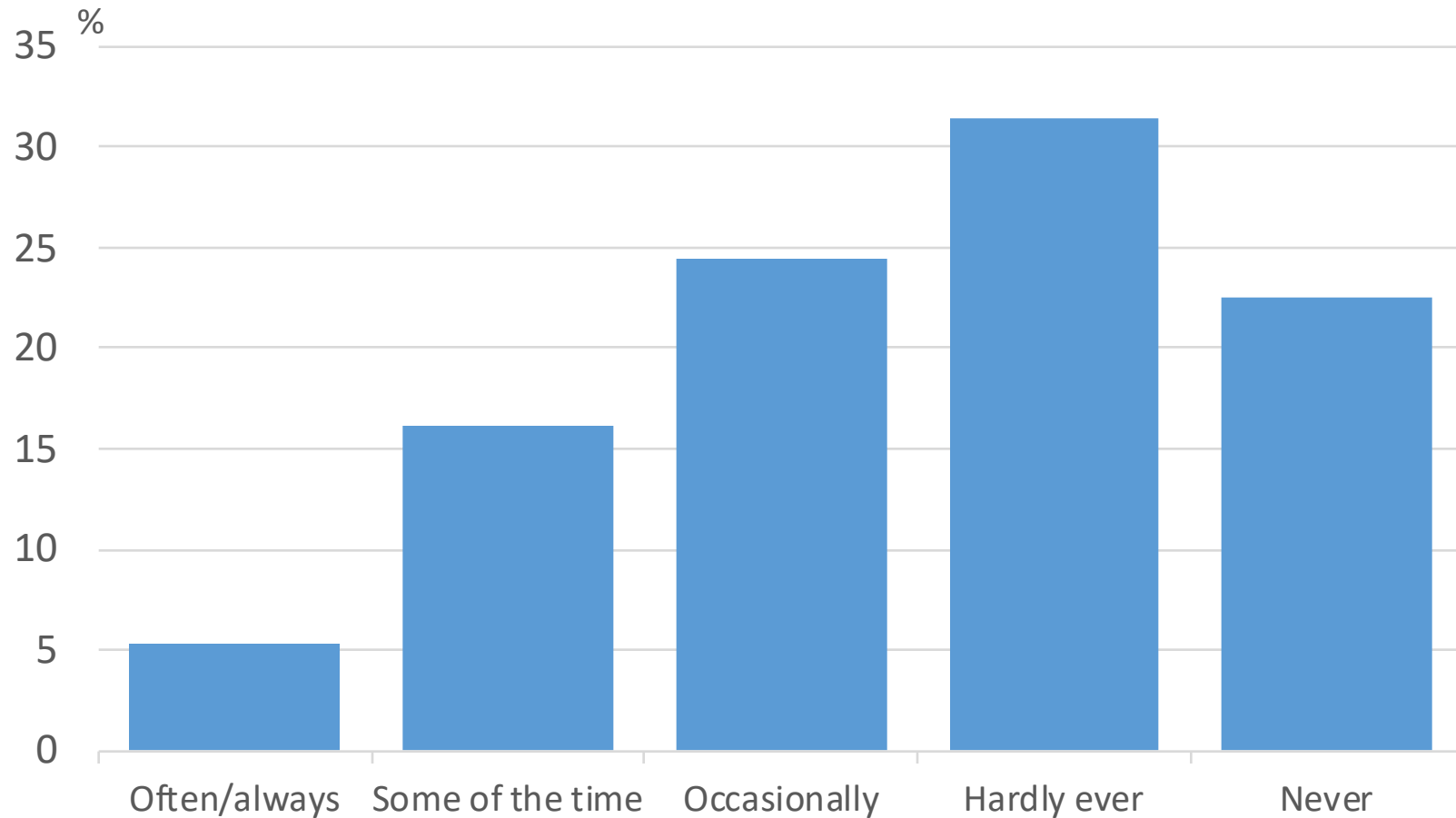


# Elijah, alone in the wilderness





## Reported loneliness in adults, England



Source: Community Life Survey, August 2016 to March 2017



**7 in 10**

people know  
a friend who  
is lonely



Loneliness  
is worse for us  
than obesity



**8/10**

of us feel judged negatively  
for feeling lonely



**92%**

of us find it difficult  
to tell others they  
are lonely



Lonely people are  
**64%** more likely  
to develop  
dementia



**2 in 3**

people know  
someone who  
is lonely



## SPOTLIGHT ON LONELINESS IN THE UK

Lonely people  
are more likely  
to develop  
heart disease



**92%**

of us think people  
are scared to admit  
they are lonely



**13%**

of us feel  
lonely all  
the time



**1/4**

Brits know a parent  
who is lonely

**1 million**

people aged 65+  
always or often  
feel lonely

Lonely  
people are  
more likely to  
develop depression



Loneliness  
is a comparable  
health risk as  
smoking  
**15** cigarettes  
a day

**33%**

of people believe  
others think there  
is something  
wrong with them





Where could I go from your Spirit? Where could I run and hide from your face? If I go up to heaven, you're there! If I go down to the realm of the dead, you're there too! If I fly with wings into the shining dawn, you're there! If I fly into the radiant sunset, you're there waiting!

*Psalm 139:7-9 (TPT)*



Lord, even when your path takes me through the valley of deepest darkness, fear will never conquer me, for you already have! You remain close to me and lead me through it all the way. Your authority is my strength and my peace. The comfort of your love takes away my fear. I'll never be lonely, for you are near.

*Psalm 23:4 (TPT)*



Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

*Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV)*



And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love.

*Romans 8:38-39 (NLT)*



# Elijah, the lone voice





And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said,  
“The Lord, he is God; the Lord, he is God.”

*1 Kings 18:39*



# Elijah, the only prophet





“I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.”

*1 Kings 19:10*



And behold, the Lord passed by, and ***a great and strong wind*** tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind.

And after the wind ***an earthquake***, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

And after the earthquake ***a fire***, but the Lord was not in the fire.

And after the fire the sound of ***a low whisper***.

And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.



*1 Kings 19:11-13*

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- Elijah, *alone* in the wilderness  
Depend and trust
- Elijah, the *lone* voice  
Take risks, be expectant
- Elijah, the *only* prophet  
Listen to God's whisper

