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Luke 5:15

And as news about him spread more and more, crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses.

Luke 5:16

But Jesus often withdrew to
lonely places and prayed.



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Principle #1

Being with God begins and ends with His Word, His Spirit, and His love.

Luke 3:21

One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit, in bodily

Luke 3:22

form, descended on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”

Principle #1

Being with God begins and ends with His Word, His Spirit, and His love.

Principle #2

Being with God will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from being with God.

Luke 4:1

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:2

He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

Principle #2

**Being with God will keep you
from sin, or sin will keep you
from being with God.**

Principle #3

**Being with God will keep you
on mission.**

Luke 4:42

At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place. The crowds searched everywhere for him, and when they finally found him, they begged him not to leave them.

Luke 4:43

But he replied, “I must preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God in other towns, too, because that is why I was sent.”

Luke 4:44

**So he continued to travel
around, preaching in
synagogues throughout Judea.**

Principle #3

**Being with God will keep you
on mission.**

Common Obstacles

- **Busyness/Chores: Martha vs. Mary (Luke 10:38-42)**
- **Accumulating More: The man who gathered wood on the Sabbath day (Num 15:32-36)**

Common Obstacles

- **Prioritizing Family Over God: The disciple who asked Jesus to go home and bury his father first.
(Matt. 8:21-22)**

Common Obstacles

- **Living a Life of Comfort: The rich ruler. (Matt 19:16-30, Mark 10:17-31, and Luke 18:18-30)**
- **Using God to Run From God**

Using God to run from God happens when we create a great deal of “God activity” in order to avoid difficult areas in our lives that we know need to change.

Principle #3

**Being with God will keep you
on mission.**

Principle #4

**Being with God is the only way
to stay aligned with His will
for your life.**

Luke 6:12

One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night.

Luke 6:13

**At daybreak he called together
all of his disciples and chose
twelve of them to be apostles.
Here are their names:**

Principle #4

**Being with God is the only way
to stay aligned with His will
for your life.**

Principle #5

**Being with God
will transform you.**

Luke 9:28

About eight days later Jesus took Peter, John, and James up on a mountain to pray.

Luke 9:29

And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was transformed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Principle #5

**Being with God
will transform you.**

Principle #6

**Being with God is what makes
the impossible possible.**

Matthew 17:19

Afterward the disciples asked Jesus privately, “Why couldn’t we cast out that demon?”

Matthew 17:20a

**“You don’t have enough faith,”
Jesus told them. “I tell you the
truth, if you had faith even as
small as a mustard seed, you
could say to this mountain,**

Matthew 17:20b

**‘Move from here to there,’
and it would move.**

Nothing would be impossible.

Matthew 17:21

**Nevertheless, this kind
can be cast out only by
prayer and fasting.”**

Principle #6

**Being with God is what makes
the impossible possible.**

Principle #7

Being with God leads to receiving His supernatural power, which will enable you to do the work He has given you to do.

Luke 23:33

When they came to a place called Calvary, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left.

Luke 23:34

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice.

Principle #7

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**How Can I
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