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The Life and Times of Jesus Christ

Part 11

**Jesus Prioritizes Alone
Time with the Father
Above All Else**

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Mark 1:35-39

Luke 4:42-44

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Before daybreak the next morning,
Jesus got up and went out to an
isolated place to pray.

Mark 1:36

Later Simon and the others went
out to find him.

Luke 4:42b

**The crowds searched everywhere
for him, and when they finally
found him,**

Mark 1:37b

they said, “Everyone is looking
for you.”

Luke 4:42c

[and] 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.”

Mark 1:39

So he traveled throughout the region of Galilee, preaching in the synagogues and casting out demons.

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Jesus Prioritizes Alone Time with the Father Above All Else

**Alone Time with the
Father = Prayer with God**

Defining *Prayer*

- It is communicating with God.
- It allows you to go from hearing about God to hearing from God.
- It transports us to the throne room of heaven and brings us into the presence of our loving God.

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- Prayer moves the heart of Him who moves the world.
- Prayer does not result in a less busy life. The result is a less busy heart and a less busy mind despite the busyness of life.

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The only way to pray incorrectly, when you are intentionally creating alone time to be with the One True God, who is the God of the Bible, and who exists in the Trinity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; is to not do it all.

Principle #1

Prioritizing intentional and consistent alone time with God is the entry point to an ever growing, intimate relationship with Him.

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Developing a lifestyle of intentional and consistent alone time with God, in order to commune with Him, is one of the major markers of being a true disciple of Christ. It is what must begin to happen at a point in time and it must be a choice that we faithfully continue to live out over time.

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Principle #2

Intentional, consistent, alone time with God must begin and end with the written Word of God.

2 Timothy 3:16a

**All Scripture is inspired by God and
is useful to teach us what is true and
to make us realize what is wrong in
our lives.**

2 Timothy 3:16b

It corrects us when we are wrong
and teaches us to do what is right.

2 Timothy 3:17

God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

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Principle #3

Intentional, consistent, and private communion with God will enable you to focus on listening to His voice. This participation in intimacy will lead to solitary refinement through a heart-to-heart connection and divine truth.

Principle #4

**Intentional, consistent, alone time,
and prayer with God will keep you
from sin or sin will keep you from God.**

Principle #5

Intentional, consistent, alone time, and prayer with God will prevent you from assuming that the thoughts in your head or the voices in your ear or the feelings in your heart or the fears in your gut are the Holy Spirit.

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Matthew 14:10

**So John [the Baptist] was beheaded
in the prison,**

Matthew 14:11

**and his head was brought on a tray
and given to the girl, who took it to
her mother.**

Matthew 14:12

Later, John's disciples came for his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus what had happened.

Matthew 14:13a

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Matthew 14:13b

**But the crowds heard where he was
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