

Sermon Notes 03.26.2017 – “Seeing Jesus - Praying”

Jesus Prayed – An Amazing Thing in Itself – He Prayed Alone

Matthew 14:23 After He had sent the crowds away, **He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray**; and when it was evening, **He was there alone.**

Jesus Prayed Publicly to Build People’s Faith – Not For Show

John 11:41-42 So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised His eyes, and said, **“Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42 “I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me.”**

Sometimes He spent the Night in Prayer – Sometimes He Got Up early

Luke 6:12-13 **It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God. 13** And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles:

Mark 1:35 **In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.**

- **He prayed to Prepare**

Prayer and Empowerment Are Connected – According to Your Preparation

Matthew 17:19 - 21 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, **“Why could we not drive it out?” 20** And He *said to them, **“Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible to you. 21 [“But **this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.**”]**

Luke 5:15-17 But the news about Him was spreading even farther, and large crowds were gathering to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses. **16** But **Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray. 17** **One day He was teaching**; and there were *some* Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting *there*, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and *from* Jerusalem; and **the power of the Lord was present for Him to perform healing.**

- **The Principle of Preparation – Always Be prepared to be used by God**

2 Timothy 4:2 ...be ready in season *and* out of season;

1 Peter 3:15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, **always being ready to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;**

A fighter is always ready

Jesus Taught Us To Pray – He Prayed, They Saw, & They Asked to be Taught

Luke 11:1 It happened that while Jesus was praying in a certain place, after He had finished, one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples."

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Jesus Prayed for Children – I wonder What He Prayed

Matthew 19:13-15 Then *some children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray;* and the disciples rebuked them. **14** But Jesus said, "**Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.**" **15** **After laying His hands on them, He departed from there.**

Jesus' High Priestly Prayer - Read John 17 Aloud – A Prayer of Preparation for Jesus and Us

Jesus Needed to Pray – If We Do Not Pray, We Will Not Make It

Matthew 26:36-44 Then Jesus *came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and *said to His disciples, "**Sit here while I go over there and pray.**" **37** And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed. **38** Then He *said to them, "**My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.**" **39** And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "**My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.**" **40** And He *came to the disciples and *found them sleeping, and *said to Peter, "**So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? 41** "**Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.**" **42** He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "**My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.**" **43** Again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. **44** And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more.

Jesus' Last Prayers – The Next Time We Hear Him Pray is From The Cross

We Must Be people of Prayer - People Who Really Pray

In Some ways You Will Be Defined By Your Prayers – In Many Ways Jesus was

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