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A LIFE

THAT ALWAYS PRAYS

LUKE 18:1

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Mark 1:21-23

21 And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. 22 And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. 23 And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out,

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Mark 1:24-27

24 “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” 25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” 26 And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. 27 And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.”

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Mark 1:28-31

28 And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.
29 And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her.
31 And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

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Mark 1:32-34

32 That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered together at the door. 34 And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

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Mark 1:35-37

35 And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, 37 and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.”

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Why Jesus needed to pray?

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When you know that you (like Jesus) can't do life on your own, then pray makes complete sense.

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Jesus' anguish is our normal.

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Point #2 - His One-Person Focus

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John 5:3; 6

"Here a great number of disables people used to lie - the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. v6 When Jesus awoke him lying there and learned that he has been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

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The way Jesus loves people is identical to the way he prays to his Father

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Point #3 - His Limited Humanity

Luke 8:42-45

As Jesus went, the people pressed around him.
43 And there was a woman who had had a discharge
of blood for twelve years, and though she had spent
all her living on physicians,[f] she could not be
healed by anyone. 44 She came up behind him and
touched the fringe of his garment, and immediately
her discharge of blood ceased. 45 And Jesus said,
“Who was it that touched me?

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Matthew 4:3-4

3 And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are
the Son of God, command these stones to become
loaves of bread.” 4 But he answered, “It is written
‘Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of
God.’”

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Matthew 6:6

"go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father."

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Talking to our Father

We must remember there is no substitute for spending time

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If Jesus needs to pull away from people and noise in order to pray, then it makes sense that we need to as well

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How did Jesus Pray?

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How did Jesus Pray?

Psalm 5:3“In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the mooring I lay my request before you and wait expectantly.”

Psalm 59:16 “But I will sing of your strength, in the morning I will sing of your love; for you are my fortress my refuge in times of trouble.”

Psalm 88:13 “But I cry to you for help, Lord; in the morning my prayer comes before you.”

Talking to our Father

Pray because life is so pressured..

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Talking to our Father

Time in prayer make you more dependent on God because it gives you less time to get things done

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Spend time talking to our Father

1. Go to Bed

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Spend time talking to our Father

1. Go to Bed
2. Get up

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Spend time talking to our Father

1. Go to Bed
2. Get up
3. Get awake

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Spend time talking to our Father

1. Go to Bed
2. Get up
3. Get awake
4. Get quiet

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Spend time talking to our Father

1. Go to Bed
2. Get up
3. Get awake
4. Get quiet
5. Get comfortable

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Spend time talking to our Father

1. Go to Bed
2. Get up
3. Get awake
4. Get quiet
5. Get comfortable
6. Get going

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Spend time talking to our Father

1. Go to Bed
2. Get up
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4. Get quiet
5. Get comfortable
6. Get going
7. Keep Going

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