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KNOWING JESUS AND MAKING JESUS KNOWN

Silence and Solitude: Learning to Hear the Voice of God

Key Scriptures: Mark 1:35, Psalms 46:10, 1 Kings 19:11-13, Psalms 139:23-24, Psalms 62:1, Matthew 6:6

1- Silence creates _____ God

'He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
Psalms 46:10

The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 1 Kings 19:11-13

2- Silence _____ of us.

Psalms 139:23-24 'Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.'

3- Solitude is not _____; it is _____ with God.

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed." Luke 5:16

4- God often _____ us _____.

'Truly my soul finds rest in God; my salvation comes from him. 'Psalms 62:1

5-Solitude _____ with God

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matthew 6:6

Application:

- Be still - find a quiet place, remove all distractions, take a few moments simply to become quiet
- Read a short passage of scripture... slowly, don't rush through it. Ask, "God, what are you trying to show me?"
- Pray - Talk honestly with God. Tell him what you are carrying, your fears, struggles, gratitude, or questions.
- Listen - don't respond immediately to fill the silence with more words; sit quietly, reflect on scripture, ask god to reveal what you need to see
- Respond- when God shows you something, obey it