

Becoming Like Jesus:
Practicing His Way
October 25, 2026

What is solitude?

1. Quiet places and spaces.

a. Jesus practiced solitude early in the morning.

35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. (Mark 1:35)

16 Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. (Luke 5:16)

b. Jesus practiced solitude at night.

12 In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God. (Luke 6:12)

46. He went up on the mountain to pray. (Mark 6:46)

c. Jesus practiced solitude BEFORE and AFTER major events.

11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" 15 **Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.** (John 6:11-15)

2. Places and spaces to practice spiritual rhythms.

Places are WHERE you practice solitude.
Spaces are WHEN you practice solitude.

a. Disconnect from our devices so that we can reconnect with the divine.

b. Create spaces and places for you to practice the ways of Jesus in your life.

3. The MOST important space and place for you to experience solitude is for your own soul!

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

Reflections:

1. How has solitude with Jesus benefited you from the overwhelming busyness of this world? Share a story or example.
2. How can you practice intentional and regular spaces and places to be with Jesus? Invite someone to practice this spiritual rhythm with you.
3. Out of the twelve suggested practices of solitude, which three could you practice this week?

Welcome to HOME Church!

Thank you for attending HOME Church. If you are new to HOME Church, there is a response card in the chair in front of you, or you can connect with us on our website at www.ourhomechurch.ca.

Operation Christmas Child boxes are available. For more details, please contact Pastor Vincent.

Pastor Vincent is away from October 21-29th for a trip to Costa Rica. Please pray for safe travel + productive ministry.

Men's Nacho Bar Gathering (November 7th at 2:00 pm- 3:30 pm). Sign up TODAY online or on-site for a time of interactive games and an opportunity to launch a men's ministry at HOME Church. For more details, please contact Pastor Andy.

HOME Church Membership Course on Sunday, November 8th between services. Please sign up today online or onsite after our Sunday services. Thank you.

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Feasibility Study SURVEY. Please access the church-wide feasibility study survey. Details at www.ourhomechurch.ca. The submission due date is **November 15, 2026**. Thank you.

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