

Prayer:



Investing
Time with
your Father

Luke 5:16

But Jesus often
withdrew to lonely
places and prayed.

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Big Idea:

Prayer is about
relationship!

Clue # 1 –

His identity



“...the Son can do nothing by himself; He can only do what He sees His Father doing...

By myself I can do nothing...
for I seek not to please myself
but Him who sent Me.”

John 5:19, 30

“...apart from Me you
can do nothing.”

John 15:5

**What is my
identity?**

Clue # 2 -

His one-person focus



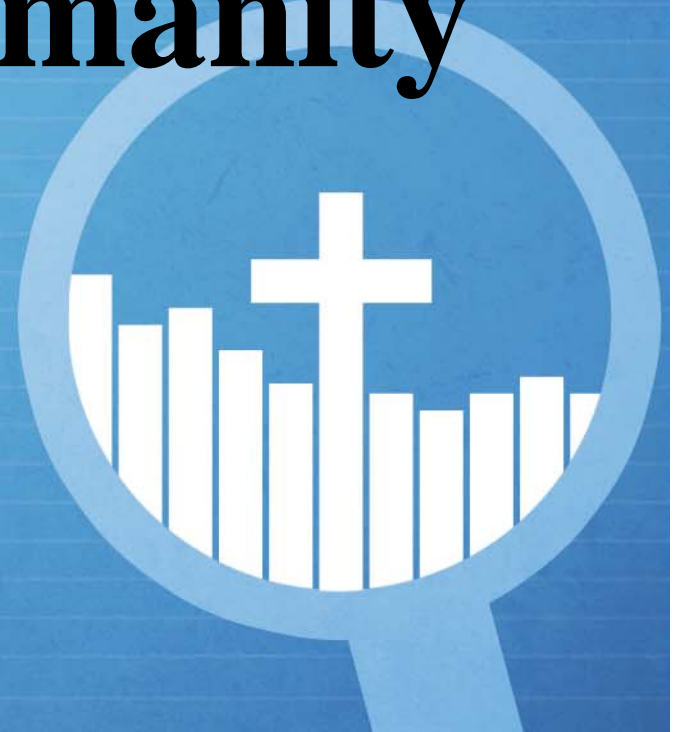
Where is my
focus?

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Clue # 3 –

His limited humanity



At daybreak Jesus went out
to a solitary place.

Luke 4:42

“But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father.”

Matthew 6:6

**Do I accept my
limitations?**

Clue # 4 –

**He often prayed in the
morning**



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

“In the morning, O Lord, You
hear my voice; in the
morning I lay my requests
before You and wait in
expectation.”

Psalm 5:3

“...in the morning I will sing
of Your love...”

Psalm 59:16

“Let the morning bring me
word of Your unfailing love,
for I have put my trust in
You. Show me the
way I should go...”

Psalm 143:8

Clue # 5 –

He often prayed aloud



“Listen to my cry for help,
my King and my God,
for to You I pray.”

Psalm 5:2

“Hear O Lord, my righteous
plea; listen to my cry. Give
ear to my prayer...”

Psalm 17:1

“Hear my cry for mercy as I
call to You for help...”

Psalm 28:2

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

Hebrews 5:7

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“If you are not praying, then you are quietly confident that time, money, and talent are all you need in life. You’ll always be a little too tired, a little too busy. But if, like Jesus, you realize you can’t do life on your own, then no matter how busy, no matter how tired you are, you will find the time to pray...”

Paul Miller, [A Praying Life](#)

Resolution on Prayer:

On Wednesdays I will withdraw for a time to connect with our Father on behalf of His Work through my church. This withdrawal could involve fasting from food or other things.