

Prayer: Investing Time with Your Father

Luke 5:16

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Surprisingly, Jesus needed to invest time with His Father just as much as we do! As we consider His example of connecting with God the Father, we understand more about *why* we need to connect with our Father in prayer. Having the right motivation to pray is a big step in the direction of actually praying.

Big Idea: **Prayer is about relationship!**

Jesus withdrew to desolate places to pray. Why did He need those times of prayer alone with His Father? His life gives us some clues:



His **identity**.

John 5:19; John 5:30; John 15:5



His **one-person** focus.

John 5:1-9



His **limited** humanity.

Matthew 4:1-4; Matthew 6:6



He often prayed in the **morning**.

Mark 1:35; Psalm 5:3; Psalm 59:16; Psalm 143:8



He often prayed **aloud**.

Psalm 5:2; Psalm 17:1; Psalm 28:2; 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.

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