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DAILY DEVOTION

THE JOURNEY OF FAITH: PART 3

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Mark 1:35 (NIV)

“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.”

If you want to live like Jesus Christ in the journey of faith, it is necessary to observe how He lived His life.

What were His habits? Do you notice any patterns? What was His relationship with God the Father? How did He live so intentionally?

The Gospel narratives help us find the answers.

Jesus led by example.

Unlike the religious leaders of His day, Jesus wasn't a do-as-I-say-but-not-as-I-do kind of leader. He showed His disciples what He told them by the way He lived before them!

Maybe that's why his half-brother, James, would later emphasize that faith was something you do, not just something you believe.

In fact, James wrote, “Faith without works is dead!” in James 2:26b (NKJV).

Jesus demonstrated what He taught so we would know how to live like Jesus in the journey of faith.

This may very well be why the first Christians were called “followers of The Way!” They were living the Jesus Way!

Check out one of the consistent spiritual habits we see in Jesus' life as recorded in the Bible.

Whether it was very early in the morning or late in the evening, Jesus is often found in solitary places seeking solitude and prayer with His Father.

If I'm going to live like Jesus in the journey of faith, I must set aside times for prayer and hear from Him.

Is your schedule so crowded that you have no margin for time alone with God?

I know of nothing that will transform your life more than the discipline of prayer and time alone with God in His Word.

In prayer, you speak to God, and through His Word, He speaks to you.

Consider this time a “Divine Appointment” and make it a priority in your life.

Luke 5:15-16 NKJ

[15]However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities.

[16]So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed."

His communion with the Father was the source of His power.

Therefore, if you're going to live like Jesus in the journey of faith, you need to reexamine your schedule and become consistent, spending some time alone with God every day, intentionally setting aside time alone with God where you can listen, refuel, and prepare your heart to stay on purpose.

Prayer:

O Lord, in this journey of faith, give me the Spirit and power of consistent prayer and to study your word on daily basis for empowerment in Jesus name.