Praying Like Jesus

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INTRODUCTION

- The focus is that we want to learn to pray like Jesus.
- If there were a statement to summarize your prayer life, what would it be?
- If Jesus found it necessary to pray always, then we ought to find it necessary to pray always.

1 An Early Foundation in Spiritual Things

Luke 2:42–47

- Jesus had an early foundation in spiritual things. Spiritual things were important in his life.
- After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.
- Whether we had early Christian foundation established for us or not, we can still learn to pray like Jesus.
- Parents, make sure that your children understand how important serving God is, and how important it is to spend time in prayer.

2 Prayer When He Was Baptized

Luke 3:21–22

- When all the people were baptized, it came to pass that Jesus also was baptized, and while he prayed, the heaven was opened.
- That is the time when we should have, and maybe did establish a devoted prayer life.
- That was the day that God truly became our Father. And we want to then be in constant communication with our Father.

3 Prayer Is So Important in the Midst of Trials

Matthew 4:1–2; Daniel 9:3; Matthew 17:21

- Prayer is so important in the midst of trials.
- As we look into the scriptures, we find that prayer and fasting go hand in hand.
- When we go through difficult times in life, we need to be focused on prayer.
- Something difficult approached him, came upon him, he spent time with the Father in prayer.

4 Pray Without Ceasing; Withdraw Often

1 Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 5:16; Luke 6:12

- Pray without ceasing. Be constant in prayer. Always be going to the Father.
- He himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.
- If we want to pray like Jesus, then we need to withdraw often and devote ourselves to prayer.

- I do know that it was a major focus of his life. And that it needs to be a major focus of our lives.

5 He Was Alone Praying

Luke 9:18; Matthew 6:6

- It happened as he was alone praying that his disciples joined him and he asked them, saying, Who do the crowd say that I am?
- He sought the privacy that he taught the disciples about.
- Go into your room, and when you shut your door, pray to your father who's in the secret place.
- Remove the distractions and the interruptions and the things that'll keep us from being focused on prayer.

6 He Sought to Instill Prayer in the Disciples

Luke 9:28

- He took Peter, John, and James and went up on a mountain to pray.
- Not only was Jesus devoted to prayer, but he sought to instill that in the disciples.
- We need to find ways and occasions where we can encourage one another to be a prayerful people.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Friends, how essential is prayer to your life?**

MY NOTES