

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

- Luke 11:1 NIV

Making Prayer A Priority

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One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up.

Never stop praying. - 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NLT

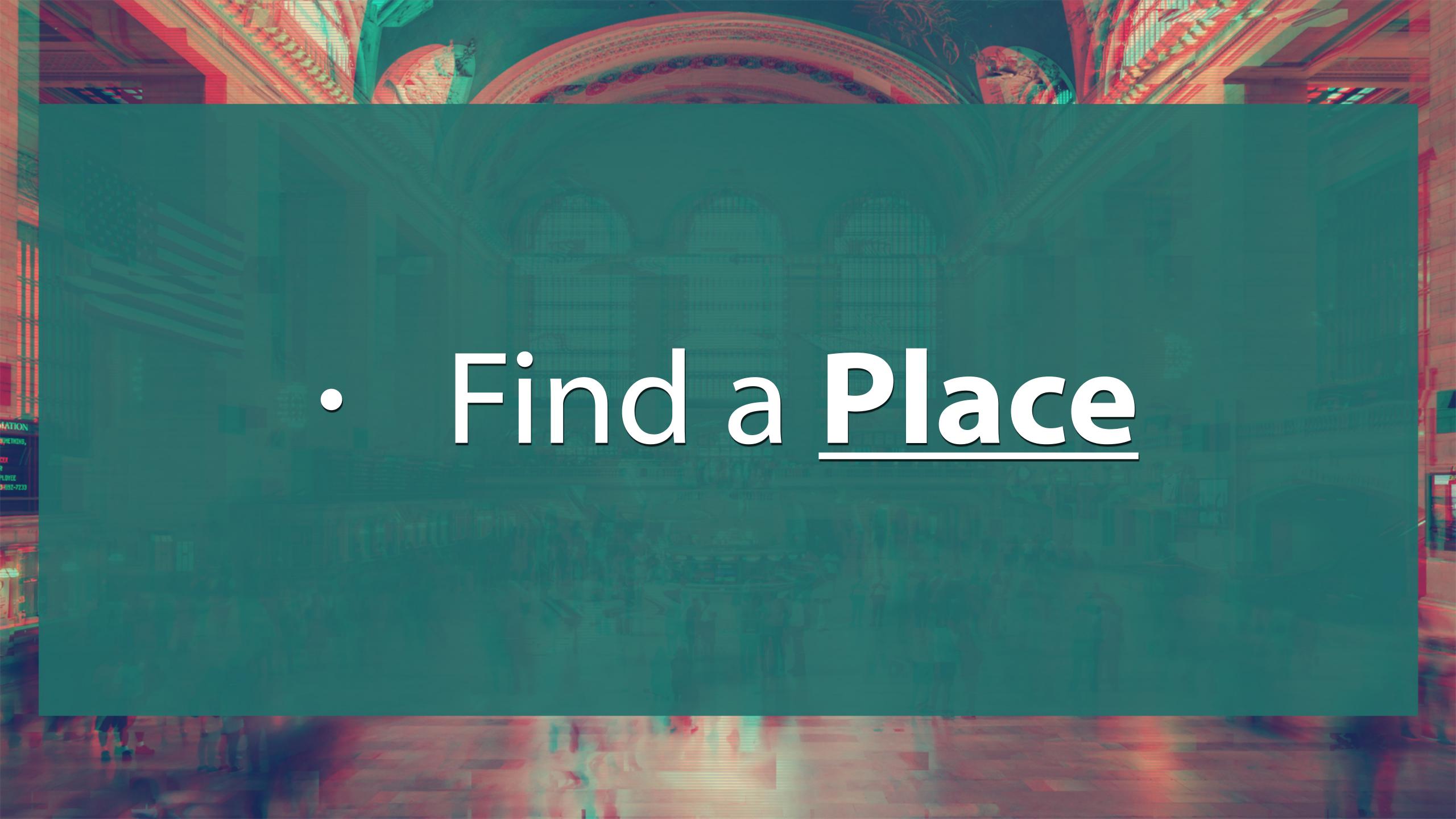


Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem...

- Daniel 6:10 NIV

...Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

- Daniel 6:10 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.



He said to them, "When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
Give us each day our daily bread...

- Luke 11:2-4 NIV

...Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation."

- Luke 11:2-4 NIV

Four Prayer Priorities

When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people...

- 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 NIV

...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

- 2 Chronicles 7:13-14 NIV

Prayer should be our FIRST RESPONSE,

not our LAST RESORT.

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1. The Priority of Our Nation

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

- 1 Timothy 2:1-2 NIV

Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted...

- Proverbs 11:11

2. The Priority of My Family

Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.

- Nehemiah 4:14 NIV

But if she has children or grandchildren, their first responsibility is to show godliness at home and repay their parents by taking care of them. This is something that pleases God...

- 1 Timothy 5:4, 8 NLT

...But those who won't care for their relatives, especially those in their own household, have denied the true faith. Such people are worse than unbelievers.

- 1 Timothy 5:4, 8 NLT

3. The Priority of The Harvest of Souls

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

- Matthew 9:37-38 NKJV

4. The Priority of My Necs

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God...

- Philippians 4:6-7 NIV

...And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:6-7 NIV