



Digging Deeper

Putting your faith in ACTION!

This morning let's not be just 'hearers' of the Word, but 'doers of the word. Take some time at lunch, dinner, or bedtime to DIG DEEPER into the today's lesson and story. Take a few moments to apply today's lesson to our lives.

ASK MYSELF...challenging questions for the heart:

1. What would you say is your prayer temperature? Hot, warm, or cold? What is one thing you could do today to warm up your prayer life?
2. Pastor Brian shared 7 triggers or indicators that our prayer life is out of alignment. Did any of these hit you where you live? What warning signs do you see? How will you address these today?
3. As life comes at you, do you tend to become more self-focused or Father-focused? Self-reliant or Father-reliant? When things become complicate or wearing, do you seek the simplicity of prayer?
4. Take some time to thoughtfully pray over today's message.

FOR THE FAMILY...challenging questions for family life:

1. From the scriptures provided today, show your children in the Bible where and how Jesus prayed. What questions come up?
2. What personal stories about your own prayer experience can you share to encourage and build-up your child's idea of prayer?
3. If you do not regularly, determine a time you can pray for your kids every day. Perhaps at bedtime and/or before the school day.
4. Take some time pray together.



Today's Service

January 14th, 2018

Series: Back to the Start Part 2: Where it all Begins

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Our _____ keeps us spiritually aligned.

WHERE PRAYER STOPS:

1. When we get unusually _____
2. When we get unusually _____
3. When we become overly _____
4. When we become overly _____
5. When we cease to be _____
6. When we cease to be _____
7. When _____ remains unaddressed

John 15:4 (NLT) ⁴Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

The place we stopped _____ is the very place where renewed prayer must _____.

Hebrews 5:7 (NLT) ⁷While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God.

Jesus would pray late at _____ and early in the _____.
(Luke 6:12, Mark 1:35)

Jesus especially prayed before big _____ and big _____.
(Luke 3:21-22, Luke 6:12-13, Mark 1:35-39)

Jesus prayed before tough _____. (Luke 9:18-22)

Jesus prayed after the big _____ and big _____ in His life.
(Matthew 14:23, John 6:14-15)

Jesus prayed before He _____. (Matthew 14:19, Luke 24:30-31)

Jesus prayed when he was unusually _____ and _____.
(Luke 5:15-16, Mark 3:20, Mark 6:31, 33-35, 46)

Jesus prayed _____ great temptation and tribulation.
(Matthew 26:36, Luke 22:39-41)

Jesus prayed for perfect _____ to the Father's _____.
(Matthew 26:42)

Jesus prayed in the last _____ of His life. (Luke 23:34,46)

John 11:41-42 (NLT) ⁴¹So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. ⁴²You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me."

Romans 5:2 (NLT) ²Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT) ¹⁶So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT) ¹⁷Never stop praying.

IN THE MIDST OF LIFE:

1. Christ became _____-reliant rather than _____-reliant.
2. Christ became Father-_____ rather than _____-focused.
3. When life brought _____ and _____, Christ sought the simplicity of prayer.

**BACK TO
THE START**

