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**MARK**  
— SUFFERING SERVANT & SON OF GOD —



# TOPGOLF

**FELLOWSHIP EVENT FOR MEN**

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**SAT, APR 12 @ 10A-NOON**

1030 Memorial Brook Blvd | Houston, TX 77084

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**\$35 per person | Breakfast included**  
**Limited spots available**



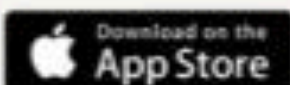
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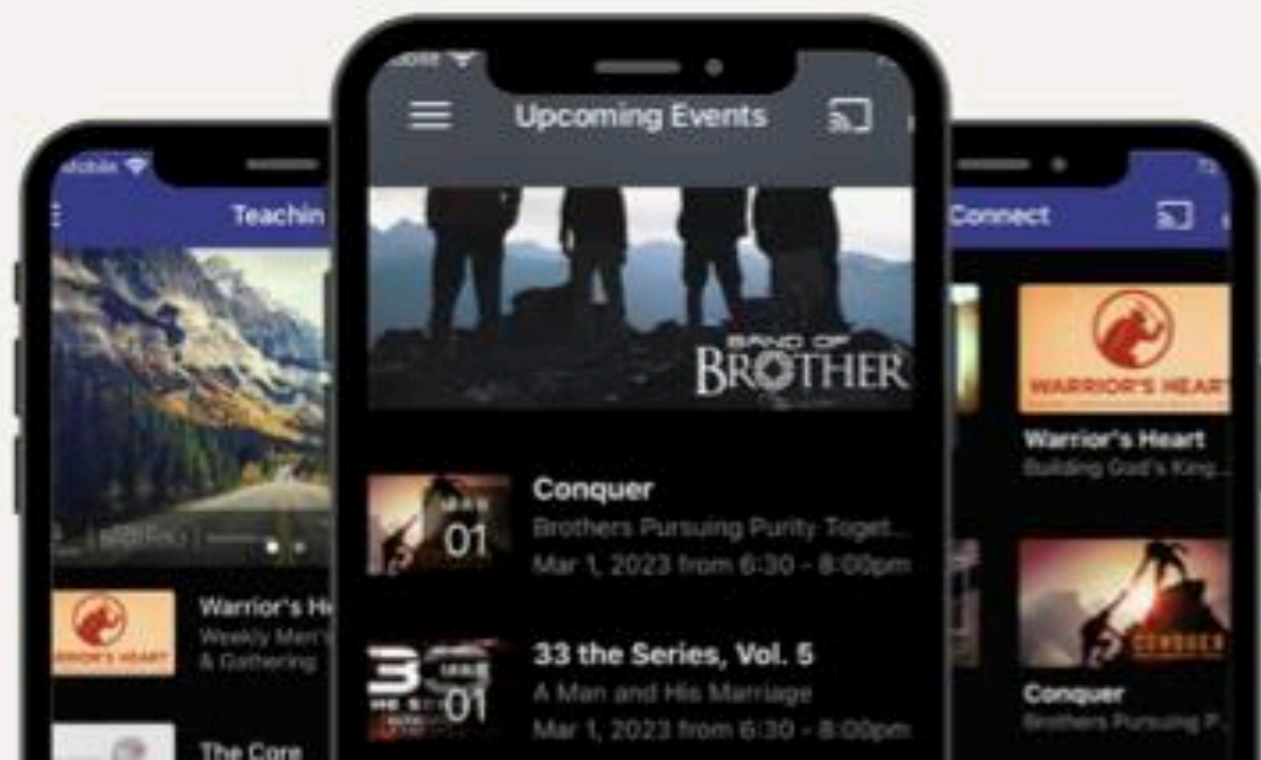
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## RECAP: Jesus' Ministry

▽ Deliverance (1:25)

▽ Healing (1:32-35)

▽ Preaching (1:39-39)



## **The Prayer life of Jesus**

- ▽ Jesus often prayed through the night
- ▽ Jesus often woke before sunrise to pray
- ▽ Jesus went out intentionally to desolate places to be with the Father



# **What does your prayer life look like?**

- ▽ Are you doing all the talking?
- ▽ Are you constantly asking for things?
- ▽ Are you coming with thanksgiving?
- ▽ Are you confessing?

# PRAYER QUOTES



- ▽ Nothing tends more to cement the hearts of Christians than praying together. Never do they love one another so well as when they witness the outpouring of each other's hearts in prayer. — *Charles Finney*
- ▽ God shapes the world by prayer. The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil. — *E.M. Bounds*
- ▽ Worship and intercession must go together; the one is impossible without the other. Intercession means that we rouse ourselves up to get the mind of Christ about the one for whom we pray. — *Oswald Chambers*
- ▽ Work, work, from morning until late at night. In fact, I have so much to do that I shall have to spend the first three hours in prayer. — *Martin Luther*
- ▽ To get nations back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees. — *Billy Graham*
- ▽ God never gives us discernment in order that we may criticize, but that we may intercede. — *Oswald Chambers*
- ▽ Prayer is not eloquence, but earnestness; not the definition of helplessness, but the feeling of it; not figures of speech, but earnestness of soul. — *Hannah More*

# BACKGROUND



**Background:** Jesus hasn't been on the scene for a long time. He began his earthly ministry around the age of 33. Jesus began his healing preaching and healing ministry.

Prior to John the Baptist and Jesus there has not been any prophetic revelation or miracles to occur in over 400 years which is known as the “intertestamental period” the period between Old Testament and New Testament. So once Jesus came on the scene and began healing and performing miracles you can imagine just how fast His name got around as fast as wildfire.

# CONTEXT



Jesus' ministry began to spread as he began his earthly ministry. Jesus is teaching a crowd that includes the Pharisees and teachers of the law. Word got around to a group of friends that Jesus was at a home teaching. They heard that Jesus had power to heal sickness. They realized that the only way their friend could ever be healed is if they took their friend to encounter the **presence of Jesus.**



## Faith is always persistent (vs 1-4)

- ▽ The friends did not stop when they came to the house only to find no room to bring their friend inside
- ▽ They persisted to find a way to bring their friend before Jesus



## Faith is to be exercised (vs 5)

▽ **Seeing their faith** – Jesus said that in verse 5

▽ What did Jesus see that he would attribute to faith being displayed?

If we look at wind...one can conclude that wind is only visible when it moves...otherwise no one would be able to see it...but because it moves you can see it...so it is with faith...you cannot see faith when it doesn't move...but when we as followers of Jesus step out in faith in obedience...the invisible becomes visible.





**How does this passage relate to the role of prayer in community?**

**Prayer is the way in which we are able to continue to lay people at the feet of Jesus**

**As it relates to community you and or someone in your community will face the following:**

- ▽ You are either going into a storm
- ▽ Are in a storm
- ▽ Or leaving a storm



## Which person do you identify with in this passage?

- ▽ Religious Pharisee
- ▽ Paralyzed man
- ▽ The crowd or spectator
- ▽ One of the friends who lowered him down (exercising faith)

**Learned Truth** :I have been all of them at certain points in my walk with Christ. I now mostly identify or desire to be the friend who brought their friend to the feet of Jesus.



## **Discussion Questions:**

▽What obstacles have you faced as you live out your faith in Christ?

▽Which is easier for you to believe? Your sins are forgiven? Or for miraculous healings like.... people raising the dead...arms/limbs growing back...cancer vanishing etc?