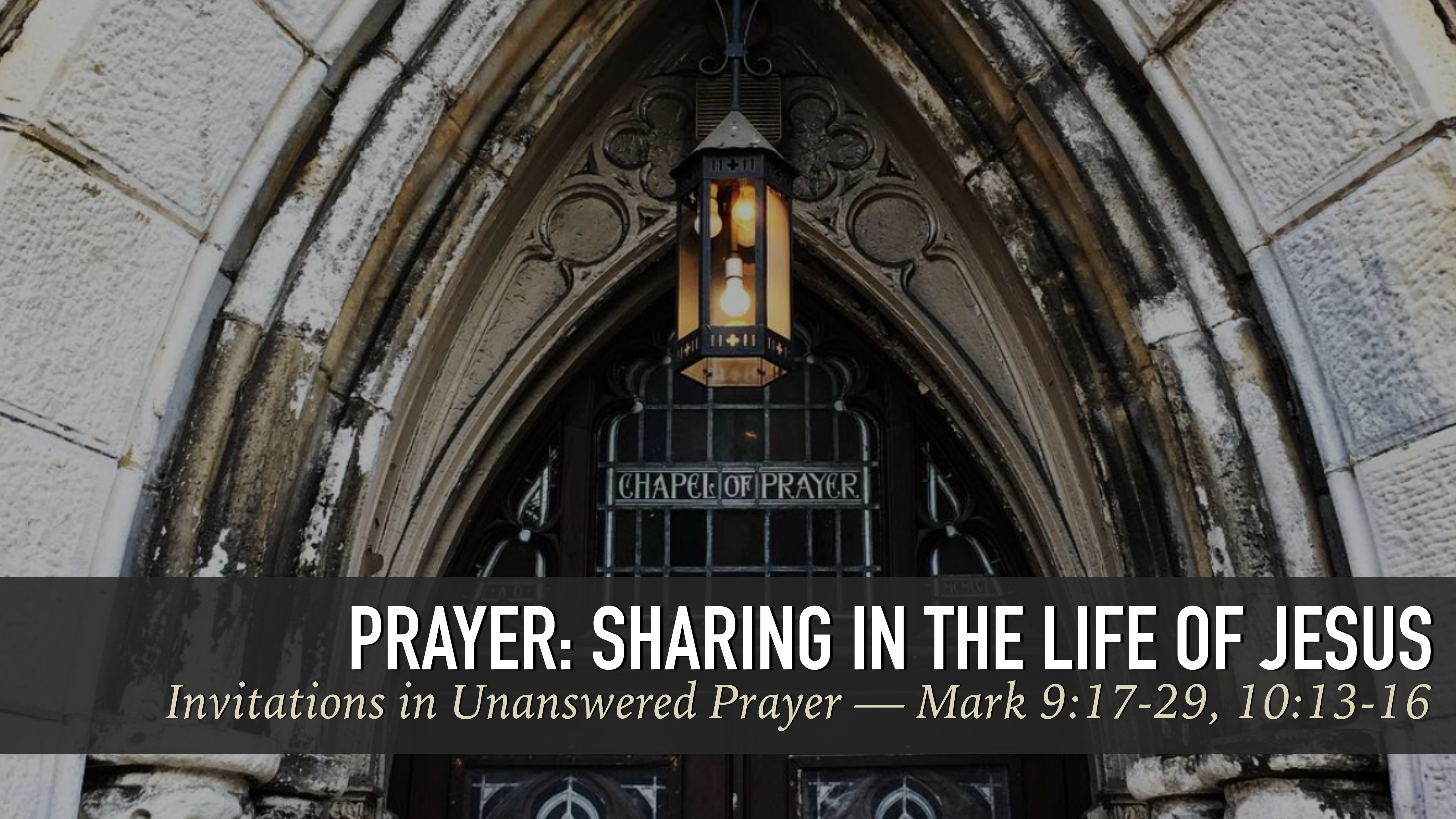


"It's impossible for me to pray
and nothing to happen."



**UNANSWERED PRAYER CAN DISCOURAGE A
CONFIDENT AND CONSISTENT PRAYER LIFE.**



CHAPEL OF PRAYER

PRAYER: SHARING IN THE LIFE OF JESUS

Invitations in Unanswered Prayer — Mark 9:17-29, 10:13-16

“When they returned to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd surrounding them, and some teachers of religious law were arguing with them. When the crowd saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with awe, and they ran to greet him. “What is all this arguing about?” Jesus asked. One of the men in the crowd spoke up and said, “Teacher, I brought my son so you could heal him. He is possessed by an evil spirit that won’t let him talk.”

And whenever this spirit seizes him, it throws him violently to the ground. Then he foams at the mouth and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast out the evil spirit, but they couldn't do it." Jesus said to them, "You faithless people! How long must I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." So they brought the boy. But when the evil spirit saw Jesus, it threw the child into a violent convulsion, and he fell to the ground, writhing and foaming at the mouth.

“How long has this been happening?” Jesus asked the boy’s father. He replied, “Since he was a little boy. The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.”

“What do you mean, ‘If I can’?” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.” The father instantly cried out, “I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!”

When Jesus saw that the crowd of onlookers was growing, he rebuked the evil spirit. “Listen, you spirit that makes this boy unable to hear and speak,” he said. “I command you to come out of this child and never enter him again!” Then the spirit screamed and threw the boy into another violent convulsion and left him. The boy appeared to be dead. A murmur ran through the crowd as people said, “He’s dead.”

But Jesus took him by the hand and helped him to his feet, and he stood up. Afterward, when Jesus was alone in the house with his disciples, they asked him, “Why couldn’t we cast out that evil spirit?” Jesus replied, “This kind can be cast out only by prayer.”

Mark 9:14-29

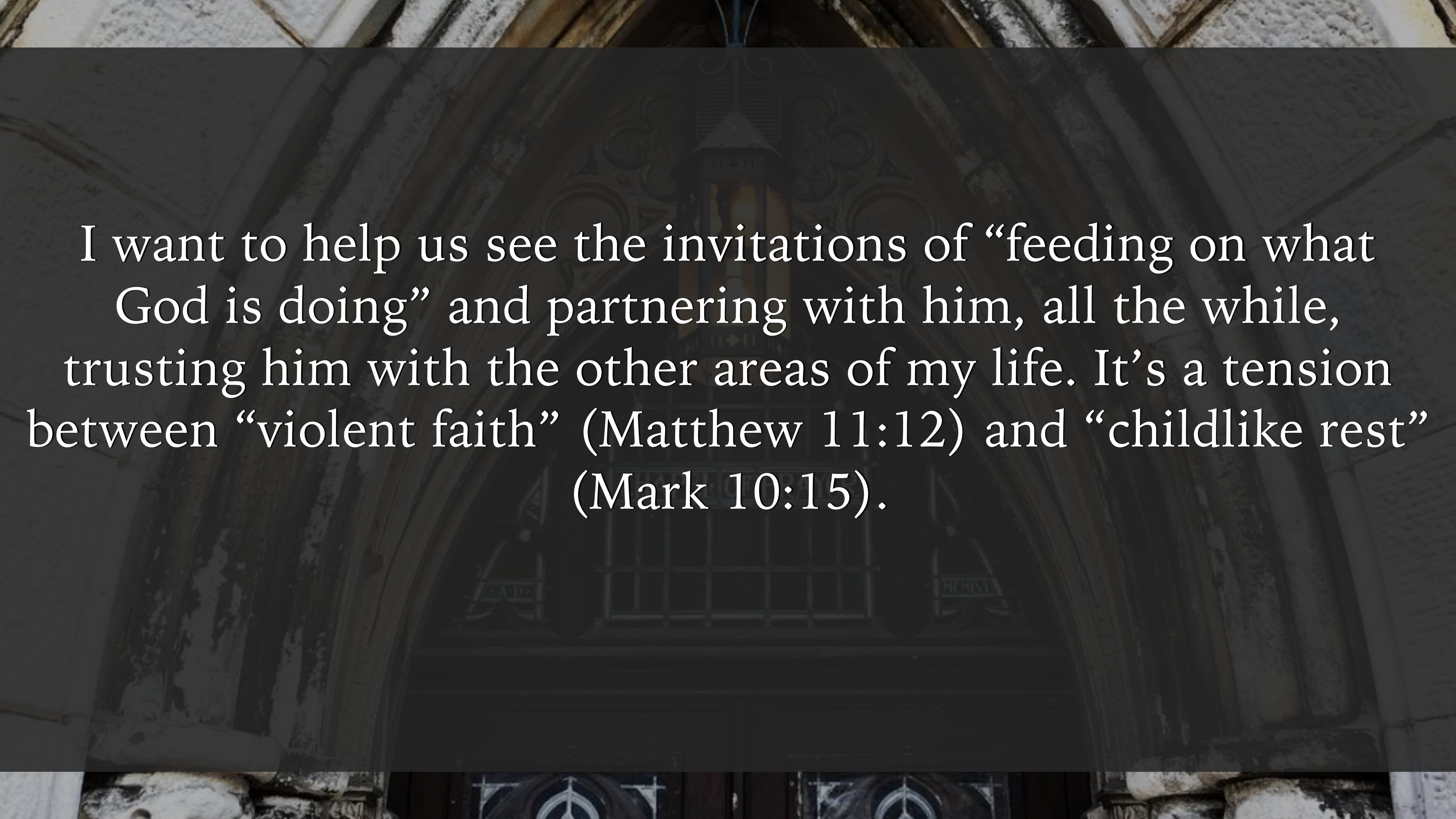
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One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him. When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children."

I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them

Mark 10:13-16

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I want to help us see the invitations of “feeding on what God is doing” and partnering with him, all the while, trusting him with the other areas of my life. It’s a tension between “violent faith” (Matthew 11:12) and “childlike rest” (Mark 10:15).

PURPOSE:

1. As a family, I want us to know and experience the Father's heart and discover His beauty in our praying.
2. As a family, I want us to be confident, joyful and hopeful in the place of personal and corporate prayer.

PURPOSE:

3. As a family, I want us to pray because it will build a strong and trusting relationship with Jesus.
4. As a family, I want us to be a people of prayer because prayer changes us & situations.

GOALS:

1. I want us to have a stronger, more consistent prayer life centered on the majesty of God. (*Psalm 27:4, 29:4, 93:1, 96:6, 145:5,12*)
2. Because of your prayer life, I want Christ formed in you (*Galatians 4:19, Colossians 1:9-14, Colossians 4:12*) and Christ demonstrated through you (*Acts 1:8, 14, 2:42, 3:1, 4:24, 6:4, Romans 15:13, Ephesians 3:16-21, Colossians 1:3-7*)

APPLICATION IDEAS:

1. Pick up a devotional or utilize the online version.
2. Feed on what He has done and is doing.
3. Give thanks for what He has done.
4. Worship for who He is despite the circumstances.
5. Find & declare the promise that is attached to the problem.
6. Repent and obey.
7. Engage and maintain the necessary rhythms.