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Plugging into the Power Source
Mark 1:35-45

Today on light of the word with Pastor Ray.

Pastor Ray (00:00:16) - And there's a power source that can just rip through all these weeds and cut your workload in half. Plug into it and enjoy the power. But it comes to. It has to be non negotiable. And I can make excuse after excuse why I can't spend that quality time before I enter into the day because I got so much to do. It just has to become and it's a lifestyle that we develop. I'm not preaching at anybody. I just know the power source is sitting before the father before the day starts moving.

Radio Host (00:01:37) - If you have a cell phone, it probably only lasts a day or two before the battery is depleted. It doesn't do you much good when the battery is dead, does it? It's no better than a paperweight. In a similar way, you and I as believers, need to plug into the power of our father.

Radio Host (00:01:56) - As Pastor Ray will warn us in today's message. This isn't something you can compromise on and stay healthy spiritually. You'll find yourself giving in to sin, losing your joy and lacking wisdom if you don't take that time. Well, let's join Pastor Ray in the Book of Mark, chapter one for today's edition of Light of the Word.

Pastor Ray (00:02:19) - Half of our yard is a flower garden and our yard is pretty wide. That means that's lots of opportunity for weeds. And Renee likes to go out. She wakes up early and after her time with the Lord, she likes to go out before the sun gets too hot and start doing her weeding yesterday. This morning I go out there, I'm like, What are you doing? I'm like, One of these days I'm going to walk out. She's just going to be passed out in the flower garden. You know, there's going to be weeds. And I'm like, Well, what are you what are you doing? I go. Go down to the depot as cheap as I am, I'm giving you the okay.

Pastor Ray (00:03:07) - Go down to the depot and buy the little weed tiller. It's got these metal prongs on it. You plug it into the power source, the outlet of the house, or you can get a gas one with power. You plug it in and these little metal rods at the end turn up the soil. Then you just rake the leaves or the weeds out. I said, You don't have to do this by hand. You don't have to get your shovel and dig down and do all this work in the flesh and you see where I'm going with this. How many times do we just get into the work? Whether it's our marriage, whether it's our ministry, whether it's on the school campus, whatever it is. And we're in there and we're trying to do the work in the flesh and we find ourselves continually exhausted. We look and go, I only got half done what I want and all the while God sitting here, go plug in. I got this power equipment for you to plug in and you can do half the work and half the time because I'll give you the supply and I'll give you the power.

Pastor Ray (00:04:10) - So three things we see with Jesus. It's the word and it's the spirit. And anything that Jesus did in his whole ministry, as we've studied the doctrine of Gnosis, was Jesus connection to his father. Jesus did not use his power even as being God. He was the god-man. And he gives us the example. All the power that I did. Feeding the 5000 miracles was my connection to the father. We're going to see it again today, and it was through the time of prayer. Jesus would tap into the power

source. And of course we need the word so we can stay in a line. The plumb bob, the straight line of the word of God so we don't go off. And so here we come in. The third one, of course, is Jesus in prayer with the Father. He's up before the whole world starts moving. How late he went? We don't know. But Jesus gets up. It's Isaiah 50, verse four. The Lord God has given me the tongue.

Pastor Ray (00:05:09) - This is the messianic prophecy of the learned that I should know how to speak a word and season to him who is weary. He awakens me morning by morning he awakens my ear to hear as the learner. Jesus will know what to do, when to do it, where to do it, how to do it with what? Heart. As we say, it's more than what we do. Everything we do must be through the heart of God. God. You want me to do this now? How do I do it with your heart? Because you can tell me to do something. And Rebol shows up. It's going to be a mess. But I spend time with the father and I get the heart of the father. I come in and now I show up. Gracious words come. Not not straight arrow words. Loving, kind words. Jesus, how do I speak mourning my mourning? That's how I learned how to speak for what he had for today. A word in season to him who is weary.

Pastor Ray (00:06:04) - As I studied out yesterday, again I was like, Lord, there's so many weary. What? Give me a word for the weary. There's lots of people that are tired. They're worn out. Lord teach me to speak words in season. Every study we come in here, you see this slide every week for two, three years now. Every every study. We come in here and we always say five things. In every study you will find who is God? What does he think of me? What does he want me to do? What can I boldly ask of him? And what do I need to be on guard of every study? It's those five things and every study. You will find this in the word. Who is God? We will find He's a he's an awesome God. He's wonderful. He's loving. What does he think of me? Enough to give his only begotten son. And we go on and on and on. Now the word and prayer must be seamless. You'll never know how to pray if we don't know what the word of God says.

Pastor Ray (00:07:08) - And so these five things are seamlessly woven together. And they're the same five things for prayer. Because if you wonder and maybe you missed it, as I've explained it here and there, where did you come up with these five things? Who is God? What does he think of me? What does he want me to do? What can I boldly ask of him? And what do I need to be on guard of? It's from the word. The disciples come, they see Jesus, they see his power. They didn't come as we study before, teach us. They didn't say teach us to preach. They didn't come and say Teach us to raise the dead. Because, man, if we can raise the dead, if we can heal and cast out demons, man, the people will come. And it'll be a powerful ministry. If I can preach with the power of Jesus and astonish people, man, the churches are going to explode. But they come and they see Jesus who you are.

Pastor Ray (00:08:00) - It's because a prayer, they say, Teach us to pray. And when we can learn to pray in accordance with God's Word, then we will have the ear to hear the Father. We will have a word to speak when for those who are weary. Where did these five come from? Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Who is God? He's my father. He's in heaven. He's above all this mess that I'm in. Hallowed be his name. Holy as his name, uncommon as he. There is none like this. Who can stop the Lord Almighty? None can stop the Lord Almighty. And then when I take that into my prayer life. Father God. I praise you. I love you. I adore you that you made me a son. That you called me your own. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done. Who is God? My Father in heaven. What does he think of me to be my father? That's how much he thinks of me.

Pastor Ray (00:09:08) - What does he want me to do? Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven, Ray. Do my will. That's all. That's what I'm asking you. How do I know your will? Lord, read my word. Learn my word. Then you'll have an ear and a tongue to speak. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. What can I boldly ask of Jesus when I know he's my father? When I know he cares about me? And His eyes are upon me and I'm walking right with him because my will is his will. And his will is my will. I'm not coming and asking for things that aren't according to his will. Lord, I need daily bread. Lord, my marriage needs you to step into the middle of it. You put two sinners in a room. Lord, the Ministry. Oh, do you know what's going? Lord? I'm praying for so and so all Lord, what they're going through right now.

Pastor Ray (00:10:05) - Lord, you've seen the bank account. You know what's going on financially. You know what's happening in the workplace. You know where the economy is. What can I boldly ask? Ask and I'll give it to you. Speak to me. I want to come and have a time. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us of our trespasses. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. What do I need to be on guard of when I leave my prayer life? What I need to be on guard of when I leave this church? There's an evil one who wants to devour me. He wants to disrupt everything in my life. And he wants to. To ruin me. And this word speaks and tells me what I need to be on guard of. When you sit down to read this word or you sit down to have a prayer time, pick a passage, and you can sit there and you start with Who is God? He's awesome. Lord, I praise you because if you come here on corporate prayer, we always start our corporate prayer with I praise you because your mighty and awesome God, I praise you because you're a father in heaven.

Pastor Ray (00:11:15) - And then what does he think of me? There's not a passage that I can. Today we're going to read a leper getting healed. Cleansed. And that's what he thinks of me. Enough that I'll cleanse you. I'll forgive you. I'll make you my own. And you just work through that. Some people say, and I'm not getting in anybody's face. I'm just speaking candidly from my own life because I need to be continually reminded myself. If your prayer life is burdensome and if you find prayer boring, boring. It's not God. God's not the problem. Because Jesus Christ is anything but boring and anything but burdensome. A father in heaven says, Come to me. I just want to spend time. Why are you rushing off where you got to go? What's so important that you got to do? Come sit with me, talk with me. And then when I do and I go, Who is God? Wow, you're amazing. You know what I find? I don't want to leave.

Pastor Ray (00:12:15) - I don't really got to go to work. It's a good thing I have a prayer life because God goes, Yes, you got to work. What are you where do you think the paycheck is coming from? Get out there, Pull some weeds. It's anything but burdensome. It's freeing because, you know, what's freeing about it is I don't have to sit and figure it out. What am I supposed to do today? What's my priorities? What's the most important thing? I don't have to figure those things out. All I have to do is sit with the father and he starts giving me direction and guidance. Christian We run on a contact principle. You know, we think we fill up the tank and then we ride 300 miles and then we pull back in and we fill up the tank. You ever see those street cars in San Francisco? They got the wires running over and they got that little they got that little swing arm that's touching those wires and it's electricity. And if that wire ever gets disconnected from that trolley car, it stops in the tracks.

Pastor Ray (00:13:15) - And when we're connected to the father, he just keeps power. And us down the road, we don't have to fill up the tank and run empty and come back. We just keep staying and. And being with the father. Verse 36. Verse 36. And Simon and those who were with him searched for him.

You know, we said there's going to come a day. They're going to say, Lord, teach us to pray. We see the power in your life. Is your prayer connection with the father? Well, today's not that day. They're looking for Jesus. They're like, Where'd he go? They haven't figured out yet. It's early in the ministry that Jesus's power comes from the connection with the father. But they're going to see, after walking with him and watching him and a moments like these, his power comes through the time with the father. Parents. There's just some things that are going to be caught and they're not going to be taught. Our kids need to watch us and see us.

Pastor Ray (00:14:21) - Well, mom and dad, they set a priority of their time with the Lord. Their prayer life must really mean something to him, because that's almost something that just is totally non negotiable. Verse 37, When they found him, they said to him, Everyone's looking for you. The verb tense in this structure and the wording is There's an annoyance here. Jesus, we got all these people coming back to the house. It's there. It's morning. They're ready to be healed. What are you doing out here in the wilderness? Don't you know there's great ministry going on there? And they have no idea that Jesus. Prayer proceeds ministry every day. And let me say. You don't have to get up at the crack of dawn. That's not the point that's being said here. If you want to be spiritual, you have to get up before the sun rises. What's the point that's being made here is Jesus is going out for a quiet time before the world starts moving. Maybe your world starts moving at three in the afternoon because you're on the night shift and you don't get up until noon.

Pastor Ray (00:15:35) - The point is. But I have a quiet time before I move into the beginning of my world. Hey. If your day starts moving at five, then you need to be up before your world starts moving. And we'll see that Jesus's direction was before the day started moving. He made wise decisions based on his time with the father. But Peter, these guys, they don't get it that that prayer is preceding the ministry and they're like, Let's go, let's go. There's something to do here. And for us, it's so easy of eye time to go. Opportunity there, move. I ain't got time for prayer. And you know what I say. Did I write this down? Yeah. Prayer. This is my Declaration of Independence. I got this. Or my prayers might even be something that I can almost accomplish even if he doesn't show up. Prayer list. This is a Declaration of Independence. And then we go out there and he goes, What are you doing? I'm pulling weeds, man.

Pastor Ray (00:16:40) - There's a power source that can just rip through all these weeds and cut your workload in half, plug into it and enjoy the power. But it comes to. It has to be non negotiable. And I can make excuse after excuse why I can't spend that quality time before I enter into the day because I got so much to do. It just has to become and it's a lifestyle that we develop. I'm not preaching at anybody. I just know the power source is sitting before the father, before the day starts moving, and it's non-negotiable for me. I can't talk about it right now. I know I'm not going to go. I know this is a not right now. I need to spend time with the father. Interesting story in the Portland newspaper, The city champion in handball. Anybody ever play handball? It's fun. You know, it's handball. The city champion was a 37 year old, which they go. Wow, This is pretty amazing. A 37 year old is beating all the younger bucks.

Pastor Ray (00:17:49) - So that was pretty amazing in itself. But what was the most amazing of the city handball champ was he was a Vietnam vet who lost his one arm in Vietnam. And so there's a one handed handball champion. Winning the whole tournament in the city. And so the the reporters interview and they say, what's the secret to your success? He goes, What's the secret to my success to be able to win the handball champion? He says when the ball is coming to my opponent, they have to make a decision, Am I going to use my left hand or my right hand? He goes for me. I only have one

choice. I use the one hand that I have. And that's where we need to come with this word with our time and prayer. It's a non-negotiable thing. This is the one hand and it's always going to be I'm prayer is going to proceed the ministry of the day. It's not should I use my left hand? Should I go and go have coffee and meet with people, then come and do my prayer? Or should I use my right hand and sit and meet with the Lord, Whatever it may be, it's non-negotiable.

Pastor Ray (00:19:01) - Just like Jesus. I sit, This is where I'm going. This is what I'm doing. It's with the Father. These guys ain't got it yet, verse 38 and 39. But he said to them, Let us go into the next town that I may preach there. Also because of this purpose, I have come forth and he was preaching in their synagogue throughout Galilee, casting out demons. G. Campbell Morgan and his commentary. Great expositor of the Word of God. You know, as I studied this, I said, well, this is the reason that I came, Luke, for to heal the brokenhearted, to bring captivity, release the captivity to those in bondage and those type of things, which is true. But the G. Campbell Mormon G. Campbell Morgan in his commentary, he said based on the verb tense and the structure of the sentence, Jesus said, We're going to the next town. This is the reason I came out here to pray. The verb tenses. I came out here to pray to get direction from the Lord and he said, Go into the next town.

Pastor Ray (00:20:08) - And here we see the difference between prayer. Prayer person, prayer list person. These men, these disciples. This is where the ministry is right here. And right now Jesus goes out and prays. No, the father said, Not here right now, out there. This is where the father wants us to go. The father knew and we can sit and we can go. Why would he say, Man, you got an opportunity. You're in Capernaum. The word the word is spreading and all these things. But God spoke. No, get up and go. And so Jesus by obedience goes. And then look what happens. Verse 40, because Jesus is obedient. He goes here. So he's going verse 39. He's preaching in the synagogues throughout all Galilee, casting out demons. Interesting. No name cities where none of the big name cities. He's just going. Some of it's like he's going to cow towns. Nobody knows these places Jesus is going and no one would ever go unless the father says there's places people won't go unless they heard from the father.

Pastor Ray (00:21:12) - Oh, this is where I got to go. This seems to make the most sense because of these these environments or these things. This is what I must do. Yet we sit with God and he says, No, no, go to the go to the new name town. I got some work out there. There's people out there that I want you to meet. Jesus is obedient. Verse 40 Now a leper came to him, imploring him, kneeling down to him and saying to him, If you are willing, you can make me clean. Verb tense. Of this this this story. It's. Historic present imperative. Which means it was a historical event. Yet it's being told like its present day reality. As we studied, the book of Mark is written by Mark, who wasn't there for these events. Through the string. We see that Mark was mentored by Peter. Peter's telling him the story. Mark's not here, and Peter's telling the story. This this story, this book of Mark's written probably 20 to 30 years after this event.

Pastor Ray (00:22:21) - And yet Peter's it's a historical event. But Peter, say, man, I remember like it was yesterday, man. You should have seen the moment. Write this down. Write this down. It was. It was amazing. There comes this leper. We've studied leprosy before. 150 yards. You could not view a leper. You had to stay 150ft from the nearest person. When you walk down the road and you were leopard, you had the screen unclean, unclean. And if you broke that 150 foot perimeter, they picked up rocks and they started to pelt you with rocks. Here's the slipper. I don't rocks and all. I'm getting to Jesus. You pelt me all you want. I'm getting to Jesus. And the closer he gets to Jesus, the harder the rocks are going to

be. Because the closer you are. But the closer you get to Jesus, the more the people are going to spread. Because they're like, I ain't getting nowhere near this man with leprosy. But he makes it to Jesus rocks and all getting pelted and the verb tense, if you are willing, He's, he implores.

Pastor Ray (00:23:30) - He's begging, Jesus, you can heal me. You can heal me. And then if you are willing and that word there, if you're willing that word, it's not about reason. You're God or the right thing to do. If you have the powers to heal me this word, if you're willing, it's pure emotion. He comes to Jesus on pure emotion. I believe you're compassionate.

Radio Host (00:24:08) - We're so glad you've joined us today for light of the word. Pastor Ray Bollas has been teaching through the Book of Mark, one of the four accounts of Jesus's life here on Earth. This book may be the shortest of the gospels, but it's filled with numerous accounts of Jesus's activities. Mark focuses on the servanthood of the Savior. Jesus was always helping others, willing to do whatever was needed. His love was practical. Now you get to be the hands and feet of Jesus loving others as he did. If you'd like to listen again to today's message from light of the Word, you'll find it online at CCAAC.org.

Radio Host (00:24:50) - There you'll also learn more about this ministry and the church. It originates from Calvary Chapel of Anne Arundel County, Maryland. If you're in the area, you're invited to join us this Sunday at 10 a.m. for a time of worship and Bible study, you'll find directions to the church on our website, CCAAC.org, or give us a call. We'd love to talk with you and learn how we can be lifting you up in prayer. Our phone number is 443 995 3282. That's 443 995 3282. That's all we have time for today. Thanks for tuning in for Pastor Ray's teaching in the book of Mark on lights of the word illuminating the heart of God.