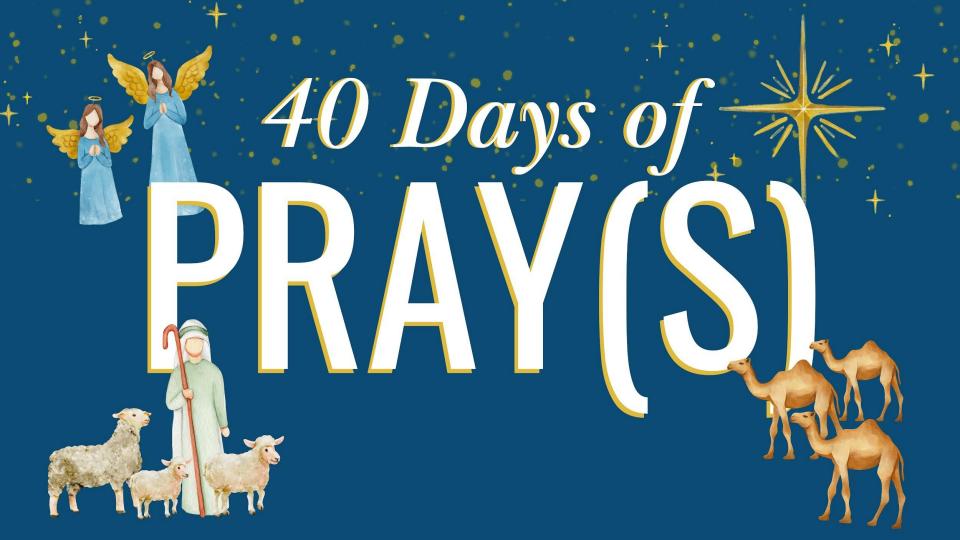


Let's Seek!



Then if my people who are called by my name -

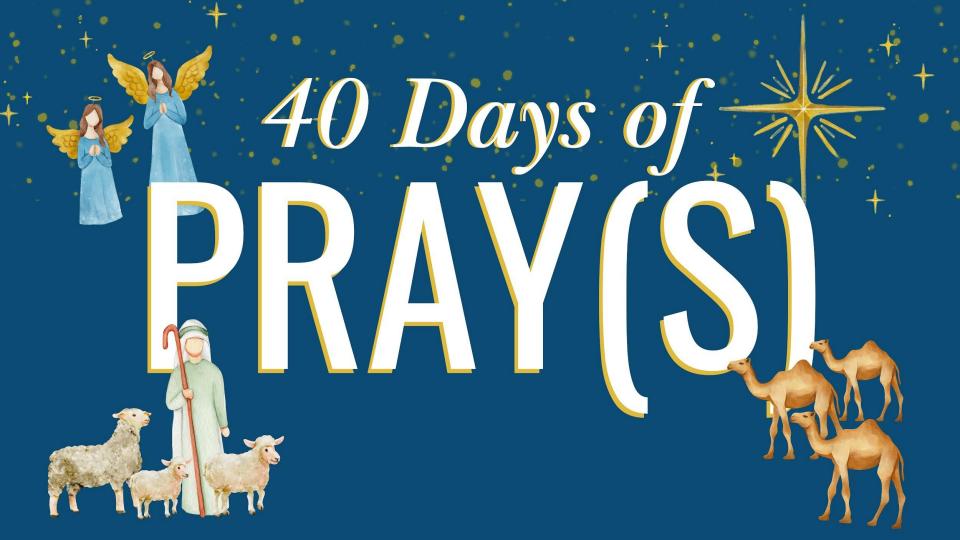
2 Chronicles 7:14

- will humble themselves
 - and pray
 - and **seek** my face
- and turn from their wicked ways,

2 Chronicles 7:14

I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

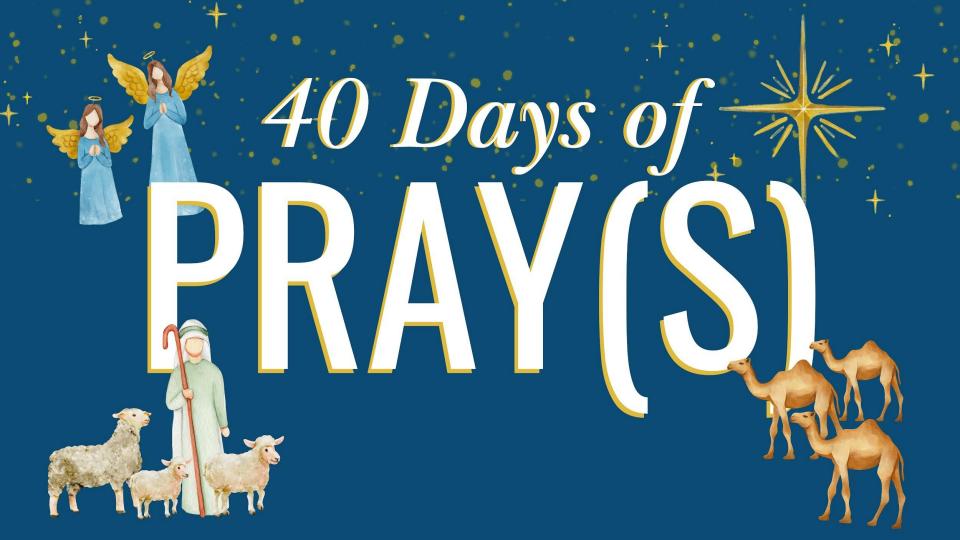
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Our time and money are great revealers of what we seek.

Why does seeking God so often lose to

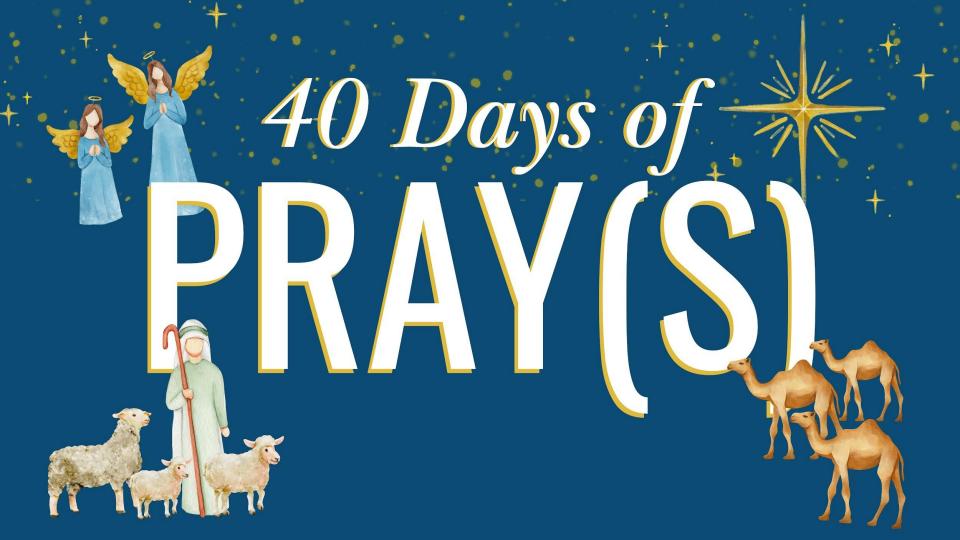
other pursuits?



We don't seek God's face because we don't clearly see the value of His Kingdom.

We have a vision problem.

We don't have an effort problem.



Question

What is Jesus' #1 topic in the Gospels?

Answer

The Kingdom of God (or Heaven)

The Kingdom of God

God's active <u>rule and presence</u> breaking into everyday <u>life</u> - <u>life</u> with God as <u>King</u>.

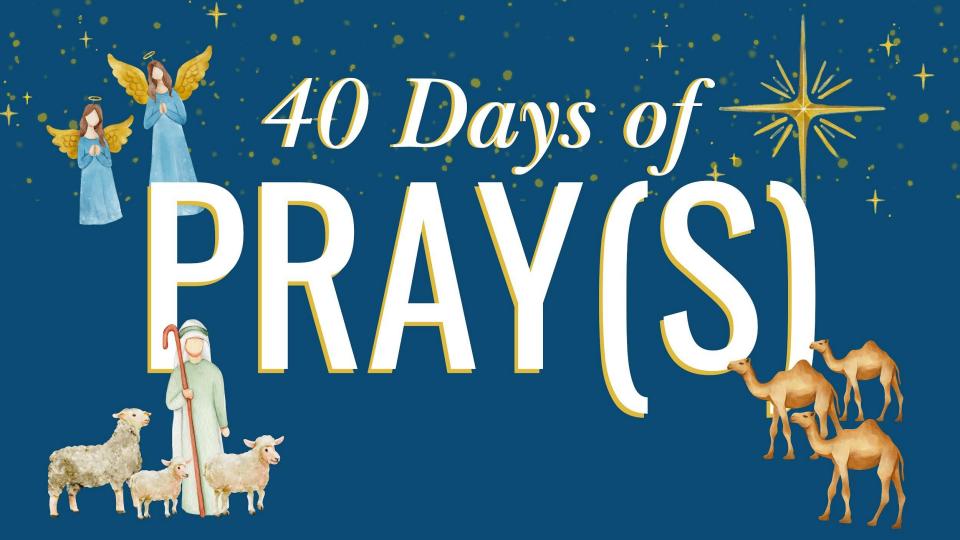
"The Kingdom is God's <u>life and power</u> available to ordinary human beings who trust Jesus."

Dallas Willard

The Kingdom of God was promised throughout the Old Testament, announced by John the Baptist, arrived with Jesus.

"I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance."

John 10:10



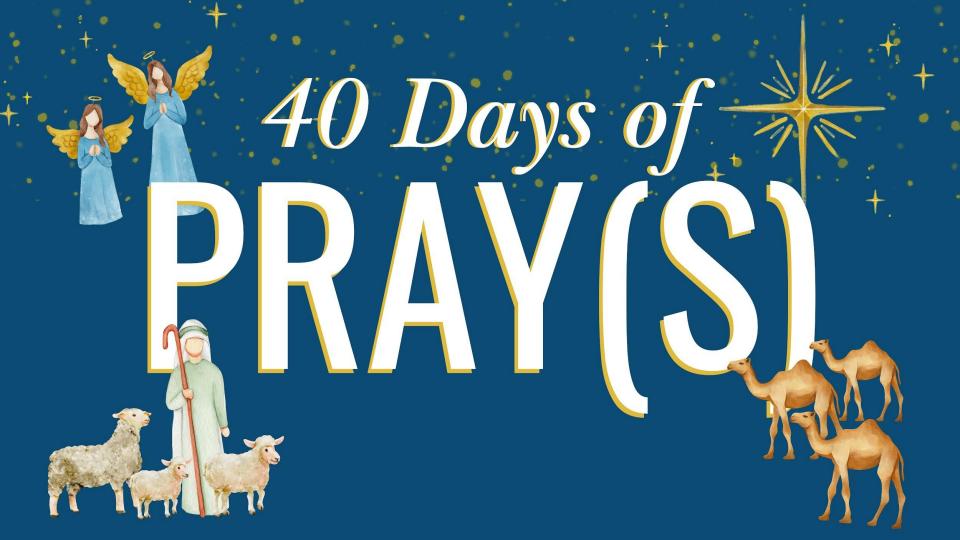
Matthew 13:44 - 46

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man <u>discovered</u> hidden in a field.

In his <u>excitement</u>, he hid it again and <u>sold everything</u> he owned to get enough money to <u>buy the field</u>.

Again the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant **on the lookout** for choice pearls.

When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!



"The Kingdom of God is not merely something to be accepted or rejected.

It is a treasure - the greatest opportunity imaginable."

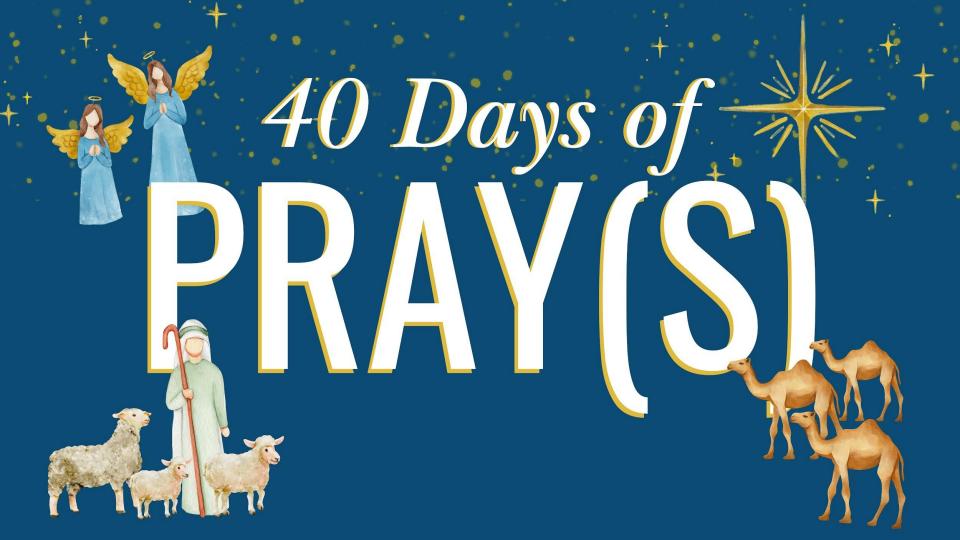
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"The Kingdom of God is so valuable that losing everything in order to have it is a joyful trade."

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"If you don't see the beauty of Christ, it's because your eyes are still on the world's trinkets."

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Begin Seeking (without clarity)

Bible, prayer, fellowship, giving, serving

Gain Clarity (value grows)

Bible, prayer, fellowship, giving, serving

Increased Value (even more seeking)

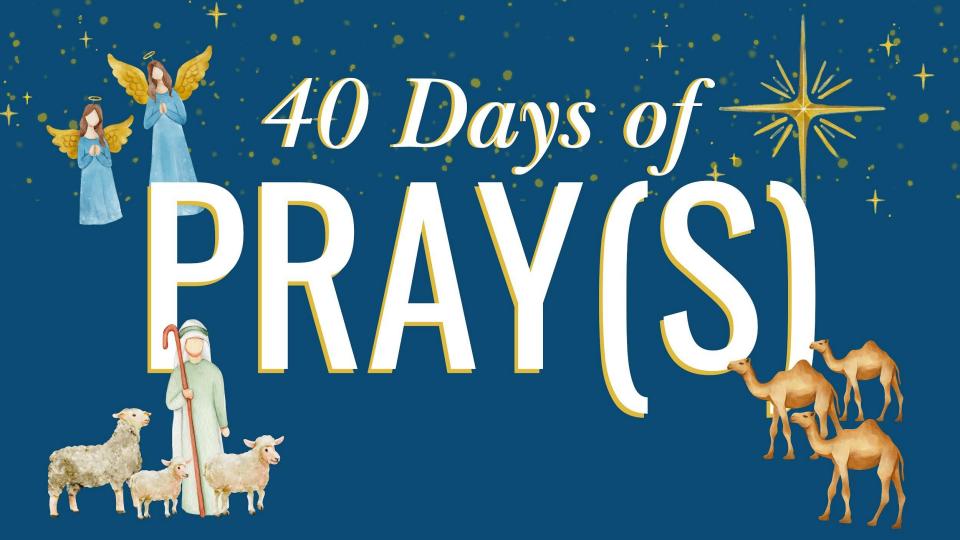
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Repeat the Cycle

Bible, prayer, fellowship, giving, serving

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13



But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33

If my people...

