


# *Prayer and Presence*

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*Matthew 28:18-20* NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.  
<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”



*Mark 1:37-39* NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”



# *Too Busy To Pray*

In a time of fruitfulness Jesus puts on the brakes and takes time in prayer.

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Martin Luther, when asked what his plans for the following day were, answered, “Work, work, from early until late. In fact, I have so much to do that I shall spend the first three hours in prayer.”

[*What God Does When Men Pray*, by William Carr Peel (Colorado Springs: NavPress), ©1993, p. 53]



*Luke 10:41-42* NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”



*Luke 10:17-20* NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”<sup>18</sup> He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.<sup>19</sup> I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.<sup>20</sup> However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”



*Genesis 3:8* NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?”



# *The Work of Silence in Prayer*

“Though silence sometimes involves the absence of speech, it always involves the act of listening. Simply to refrain from talking, without a heart listening to God, is not silence.” (Richard Foster, *The Celebration of Discipline* p. 97)

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**Isaiah 30:15** “This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: ‘Only in returning to me and resting in me will you be saved. In quietness and confidence is your strength. But you would have none of it.’” NEW LIVING





*Jeremiah 17:8* NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.