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“Essential Christianity: The 5G Life: God Time”

Mark 1:35

Memory Verse: Mark 1:35

Introduction

A. Three Key Relationships in the Christian Life

1. Abide
2. Connect
3. Share

B. How do we develop these three key relationships?

C. Personal Question: How much time do you spend alone with God daily?

D. GOD TIME is the time you spend daily alone in fellowship with God.

E. “The Christian life is nothing less than the life which He lived then lived now by Him in you.” (Major Ian Thomas)

I. Jesus Spent Time with the Father

A. It was intentional.

“We are now, and we will be in the future, only as intimate with God as we choose to be.” (J. Oswald Sanders)

B. In the morning.

“If we do not fix our hearts on God in the morning, they will fix on the first thing that comes along. When temptation comes, our hearts will fix on that, and we will sin. Or when an opportunity comes along that may not be God’s will, our hearts will fix on that opportunity. Then if we go to God at all, we will go not for guidance but for permission, and there is a vast difference between the two.”
(Clyde Crawford)

C. Without distractions.

D. Alone.

E. Consistent. (Luke 5:16)

F. Which of these five characteristics do you struggle with the most?

G. What’s your next step?

II. Jesus Spent Time with the Father So That the Father Could Accomplish His Purpose through Him

A. Life-Changing Reality: Everything God desires to do through my life he will do out of the overflow of my love relationship with him.

B. How can I spend time alone daily with God?

1. Establish the proper goal: To know God by spending time with him.

2. Prepare your heart
 - a) Prayer (Psalm 119:18)
 - b) Faith in God's presence
 - c) Patience
3. Enjoy God's Presence

Conclusion

A. "For the Christian, his entire life is to be an intimate walk with God. But that intimacy is developed one day at a time as he sets aside, each day, some increment of time exclusively for communion with his God...There is no substitute for this time. This is where intimacy begins." (Clyde Crawford)

B. Five Practical Strategies

1. Pray for the desire to read and study God's Word.
2. Pray for understanding.
3. Learn how to study God's Word.
4. Have a reading plan. Aim for quality, not quantity.
5. Have a time and a place.

C. The Gospel Definition