

Branded series Spending Time With God

bible declaration

we are doing a weekly “being like Jesus” Challenge on Mondays on our story on social media. look for challenge on Monday facebook or instagram.

are you wearing the Jesus brand
be like Jesus

Jesus tells us If you love me be like me

We are to Incorporate the habits of Jesus

To incorporate these habits it's not by our power , its with the power of the HOLY SPIRIT

****first habit ****

Spending time with God

The first habit of Jesus is that he got away and alone with God

Jesus did this often it was a regular habit

Matthew 14:23 ²³After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone,

Mark 6:46 ⁴⁶After leaving them, he went up on a mountainside to pray.

Luke 6:12 One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God

Mark 1:35 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.

We should be spending focused, alone moments with God

lets say there are 3 different people in the room

1. those who already have carved out time to spend focused time with God
2. those who are just now realizing they need to spend focused time with God
3. those who have tried and failed
tried over and over again and have failed
this whole thing has gotten twisted up with feelings of failure and feelings of guilt

lets all agree we are going to be motivated by Joy— not failure
lets all agree that this is a guilt free environment

lets all agree that its worth thinking ahead to develop this 1st habit

decide on a time to spend time with Jesus use your phone to set a reminder to spend time with Jesus

decide on a time

decide on a place

if you don't have the habit of spending time with God
you may ask why do I need this focused, alone time with God

I'm more of a spend time with God all day person

yes we should spend time all day with God

and we should spend focused alone time with God

all good healthy relationships are a balance of both

****example use couple ****

The best example of stopping what you are doing and focusing on God without distractions is the story of Mary and Martha

Mary sat with Jesus and Martha made dinner

both where with Jesus

Mary spending focused alone time Martha in her daily routine

luke 10:38-42

38 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him.

39 She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.

40 But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but few things are needed—or indeed

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only one. [f] Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

We can do good things, there is always lots to do;; work parenting, serve, acts of kindness minister and witness for the Jesus

but we all have to STOP and spend focused time with God

OBJECT LESSON

Sometimes Jesus ask us to stop what we are doing, put to off till later and spend Quality, focused time with Him

We have to

1. STOP
2. GET AWAY
3. BE ALONE WITH GOD

If we are going to BE LIKE JESUS

then SPENDING TIME WITH GOD is going to have to become a regular habit