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Week One: Morning

When do you actually pray?

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:17 (ESV)

Pray without ceasing.

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Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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“…do everything all day with a conscious reference to God.”

TIMOTHY KELLER

Prayer (p. 240)

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“Prayer is never the first word; it is always the second word. God has the first word. Prayer is answering speech; it is not primarily ‘address’ but ‘response.’”

EUGENE PETERSON

Working the Angles: The Shape of Pastoral Integrity (p. 45)

MARK 1:29-38 (NIV)

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

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MARK 1:29-38 (NIV)

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!” Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.”

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MARK 1:35 (NIV)

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.

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Morning prayer is the daily practice of dependence and orientation.

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Morning prayer reminds us whose we are.

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MARK 1:11 (NIV)

“You are my beloved son, with you I am well pleased.”

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JOHN 5:19 (NIV)

The Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing.

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Morning prayer gives us the perspective we need to manage our priorities.

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Morning prayer helps us live out of communion, not performance.

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Morning prayer sends us back out into the world.

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Take your first moment….

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