

JESUS PULLS AN ALL-NIGHTER

Luke 6.12-19

Jesus had a busy day ahead of him. How did he handle it? He spent the night in prayer. Luke records more accounts of Jesus and prayer than any of the other Gospels.

Prayer is **COMMUNICATION WITH GOD**.

WHY DID JESUS PRAY?

- To receive **GUIDANCE** in making important decisions. (v12-16)
Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow.
Psalm 25.4 NLT
- To gain the **STRENGTH** needed to accomplish what must be done. (v17-19)
Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4.6-7
- To stay focused on his mission and purpose, despite **EXTERNAL THREATS**. (Luke 6.11)

Staying up all night to pray might be a stretch for most of us, but it is helpful for us to have a prayer-life.

HOW TO PRAY:

- * Find a secluded place.
- * Pick a good time.
- * Quiet down: get rid of distractions.
- * Read a passage of scripture or psalm (23rd) slowly or recite the Lord's Prayer.
- * How long? Start with a few minutes and let it grow.
- * Look for opportunities throughout the day to augment your prayer time.
Pray continually ... 1 Thessalonians 5.17
- Luke wants us to know that prayer leads to **POWER!**
...and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. Luke 6.19

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?