

On The Road To Emmaus

As we walk down the road of life, we look for people to pattern our lives after. You know, real people who are successful. People who have it all together. If we could just find someone like that we could finally live a daily life of Christian victory!

May I suggest the life of Jesus? I know He was the God-Man and we can never be God. However let us look at just one brief episode in His life here on earth and see what lessons we can draw from it. In Luke 6.12 we find these words *"In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God."* (esv)

Jesus was coming off of a difficult confrontation with religious people and their leaders. This is the context of his prayer. Jesus being who He was could have lived His life without prayerfulness and yet he chose not too. Why? First, his love for the Father was so great He wanted to spend time with the Father. Second, his love for people was so intense that He wanted to intervene before God on their behalf.

So the first question we must ask ourselves, do we love God? No I mean really love Him and want to spend time with Him? Do we love people, no I mean really love people? The second question we need to ask are we willing to set time aside for solitude? You know, a time and a place where we will not be disturbed or distracted. The third thing we need to ask ourselves is, are we willing to spend time in prayer when we could be refreshing ourselves with other activities which even includes sleep?

This is just a starting point. Remember that Jesus did not let the darkness keep Him from prayer. He did not let the cold desert winds shorten His time in prayer. May I commend to you, Jesus and the pattern that He has set before us.

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