

Live Jesus

Pr. Israel - March, 22nd

Summary of the Message

God doesn't just want parts of our lives; He wants our whole heart. Living like Jesus means adopting a "culture of devotion." In Matthew 6:6, Jesus calls us to a "secret place"—a distraction-free zone where we keep our most valuable treasure: our relationship with God. True prayer (from the Greek word *proseuchomai*) isn't just handing God a wishlist; it means "to come close to exchange." We give Him our all, and we receive His presence in return.

Matthew 6:6 (NLT): Intimacy over Performance.

True prayer isn't a public show to impress others; it's a private, authentic connection with God. He values the quiet, undivided attention of your heart.

Luke 11:1 (NLT): The Pattern of Prayer. Jesus' personal devotion was so powerful and attractive that His disciples asked Him to teach them how to do it. It shows us that true prayer is a rhythm we learn by watching Him, not just a set of religious rules.

Luke 4:4 (NLT): Spiritual Nourishment. Physical food only keeps our bodies alive, but true life, strength, and endurance come from consuming and depending on the Word of God.

Start Talking: Spark Conversation

1. What is the one notification or app on your phone that distracts you the fastest?
2. Where is your favorite physical place to go when you just need absolute quiet?
3. If you could hang a literal "Do Not Disturb" sign on one part of your daily routine, what would it be?

Start Thinking: Deepen the Thought

4. **Read Matthew 6:6.** What transforms an ordinary spot (like a chair, a car, or a walking path) into a "secret place" with God?
5. Before Jesus started His public ministry, He went into the wilderness. Why is private, quiet devotion essential before we try to live for God publicly?

Start Sharing

6. God wants our "all-in," not just parts. What specific "part" of your life is currently the hardest to hand over to Him?
7. We live in a culture of noise. What is the biggest distraction keeping you from consistently spending time in your secret place?

Start Doing: Commit to Act

8. **Pick Your Place:** Identify your physical "secret place" for this week (a specific chair, your car commute, a walking trail) where you will meet God.
9. **Hang the Sign:** Commit to 10 minutes of distraction-free time daily. Put your phone in another room or strictly on "Do Not Disturb" mode.

Praying:

Lord Jesus,

Forgive us for the times we've only offered You parts of our lives. We want to be completely 'all-in' with You. Help us to tune out the noise of our culture and find our secret place with You this week. Teach us to pray not just to ask for things, but to come close and exchange our burdens, distractions, and fears for Your perfect peace. We give You our whole hearts.

In Jesus name, amen.

Announcements:

- Be part of our team: become a volunteer!
- HOP every Friday 7pm at Formation Center
- Give your offering through Contribua, so it goes straight to The Way Ministry.