

# Withdrawing To My Desolate Place

"And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed." Mark 1:35 (ESV)

How can we draw \_\_\_\_\_ to God with so many \_\_\_\_\_?!

## Time With God Amid A Crushing Schedule

A. How Jesus maintained a strong relationship with God:

1. Luke 5:12-16 - \_\_\_\_\_ were growing larger, but Jesus would \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ places to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. *eremos* means a place which is \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. The NKJV uses "\_\_\_\_\_" or "a \_\_\_\_\_ place".
3. Luke 4:40-42 - When the \_\_\_\_\_ was setting the \_\_\_\_\_ began coming to Jesus. But Jesus didn't \_\_\_\_\_ in; He went into a \_\_\_\_\_ place when it was \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Mark 1:35-37 - He rose \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning, while it was still \_\_\_\_\_, to go to a desolate place to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. While \_\_\_\_\_ can be difficult, \_\_\_\_\_ is often a good thing.

B. What if Jesus had responded only to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the moment? Could He have been \_\_\_\_\_ in the trials to come?

## Why Christians Need To Withdraw To Desolate Places

A. Following our Lord to desolate places:

1. Psalm 1:1,2 - To counteract bad \_\_\_\_\_ we must \_\_\_\_\_ in God's law and \_\_\_\_\_ on it.
2. Joshua 1:8 - If Joshua would \_\_\_\_\_ on the Book of the Law he would \_\_\_\_\_ and have good \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Matthew 6:3-4,6,17-18 - Jesus stressed the \_\_\_\_\_ nature of our relationship with God as He gave directions about \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Stott: "We are to \_\_\_\_\_ the door against \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ..."

B. Where are "desolate places" to be found?

Mark 6:31 - \_\_\_\_\_ saw the need to go to a desolate place so they might \_\_\_\_\_ a while.

Psalm 23:1-3 - Our good \_\_\_\_\_ leads us to places where our souls can be \_\_\_\_\_.

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