**Second Dimension – Christianity Experienced**

**Segment I – *“Journey Markers”* Progressive Bible Concepts - #4 “The Devotional Life of Jesus”**

**First Concepts:**

* **Concept 1** – **Loving God** – Exclusively giving God the supreme place of love in your heart, mind, soul, and strength!
* **Concept 2** – **Seeking God** **First –** Placing my relationship with God and my personal spiritual growth as my absolute priority ahead of all other earthly pursuits.
* **Concept 3** – **Creating Space for God** - Setting apart daily designated periods of time that are consecrated to the purpose of nurturing the life of God within me.
* **Concept 4 – The Devotional Life of Jesus** – A p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of closeness with God.
  + *“A disciple is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be l\_\_\_\_\_\_ his teacher.”* Luke 6:40
  + *“Be i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of…Christ.” I Corinthians 11:1*

**1. Baptism – One of His first public acts**

* 21Now when all the people were baptized, Jesus was also baptized, and while He was p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, heaven was opened, 22and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, “You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.” Luke 3:21,22

**2. Wilderness Temptation – Luke 4:1 ff**

* “Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness 2for f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_\_, being tempted by the devil….when the devil had finished e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ temptation, he left Him until an opportune time. 14And Jesus returned to Galilee in the p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district.”

**3. Daily Routine**

* **Morning – Mk 1:35 -**”In the e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, while it was still d\_\_\_\_\_\_, Jesus got up, left *the house*, and went away to a secluded place, and was p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there.”
* **Evening – Matt 14:23 –** “After He had sent the crowds away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to p\_\_\_\_\_\_; and when it was e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, He was there alone.”
* **Custom – “**But Jesus Himself would *o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* slip away to the w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and p\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Luke 5:16
* **Blessing of Food –** And He \*directed the people to sit down on the ground; and taking the seven loaves, He g\_\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and broke them, and started giving them to His disciples to serve to them, and they served them to the people. 7They also had a few

small fish; and after He had b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ them, He ordered these to be served as well. 8And they ate and were satisfied; and they picked up seven large baskets full of what was left over of the broken pieces. 9About four thousand were *there*; and He sent them away. **Mark 8:6-9**

**4. Outreach following prayer – Mark 1:35-39**

* In the e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left *the house*, and went away to a s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ place, and was p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ there. 36Simon and his companions searched for Him; 37they found Him, and \*said to Him, “Everyone is looking for You.” 38He \*said to them, “Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, so that I may preach there also; for that is what I came for.” 39And He went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out the demons.

**5. Selection of the Twelve - Luke 6:12, 13**

* 12It was at this time that He went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ night in p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to God. 13And when day came, He called His disciples to Him and chose twelve of them, whom He also named as apostles.

**6. Sending the Twelve out to do ministry**

* 37Then He \*said to His disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38Therefore b\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.” Jesus summoned His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.” Matt 9:37 – 10:1

**7. When the crowd tried to make Him King**

* “So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ again to the mountain by Himself alone.” John 6:15

**8. Prior to Peter’s declaration – Luke 9:18-20**

* And it happened that while He was p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the disciples were with Him, and He questioned them, saying, “Who do the people say that I am?” 19They answered and said, “John the Baptist, and others *say* Elijah; but others, that one of the prophets of old has risen again.” 20And He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered and said, “The Christ of God.”

**9. The Transfiguration**

* “Some eight days after these sayings, He took along Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29And w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ He was p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the appearance of His face became different, and His clothing *became* white *and* gleaming.” Luke 9:28, 29

**10. Cast out demons by prayer – Mark 9:25-29**

* 25When Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You deaf and mute spirit, I command you, come out of him and do not enter him again.” 26After crying out and throwing him into terrible convulsions, it came out; and *the boy* became so much like a corpse that most *of them* said, “He is dead!” 27But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he got up. 28When He came into *the* house, His disciples *began* questioning Him privately, “Why could we not drive it out?” 29 And He said to them, “This kind cannot come out by a\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

**11. Resurrection of Lazarus – John 11:41-44**

* 41So they removed the stone. Then Jesus r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ His e\_\_\_\_\_\_, and said, “Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. 42I knew that You always hear Me; but because of the people standing around I said it, so that they may believe that You sent Me.” 43When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth.” 44The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus \*said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

**12. Father’s sending the Holy Spirit**

* “I will a\_\_\_\_ the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever.” John 14:16

**13. Priestly Prayer – John 17:1-26**

* Jesus spoke these things; and l\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up His e\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to heaven, He said, “Father the hour has come; glorify Your Son, that the son may glorify You…” John 17:1

**Biblical Pattern of Daily Prayer**

* “As for me, I shall call upon God,  
  And the Lord will save me.  
  17**Evening** and **morning** and at **noon**, I will complain and murmur, and He will hear my voice.” Psalm 55:16, 17
* 10Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued **kneeling** on his **knees** **three** times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously. Daniel 6:10

**14. Arrested**

* And He went a little beyond *them*, and f\_\_\_\_\_\_ on His f\_\_\_\_\_\_ and p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.” 40And He \*came to the disciples and \*found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “So, you *men* could not keep watch with Me for one hour? 41Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Matt 26:39-49

**15. Jesus’ Final Sayings on the Cross (James 5:13) 3 of the 7 final words were prayers**

* “F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing” – Luke 23;34
* “M\_\_ G\_\_\_\_ My God why hast thou forsaken me?” Matt 27:46
* “F\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ into Thy hands I commit My Spirit!” Luke 23:46

**Observation:**

* Almost every major event in the life of Christ was accompanied by prayer.

**Biblical Pattern of Daily Prayer:**

* Jewish tradition made it a duty to pray three times daily: in the morning, in the afternoon and at nightfall. (confirmed by Josephus, 1st century Jewish historian and other church history sources).
* M\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prayer (*shacharit*),
* A\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prayer (*minchah*)
* E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ prayer (*arvith* or *maariv*)
* As for me, I shall call upon God, And the Lord will save me.  
  17E\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and m\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and at n\_\_\_\_\_\_, I will complain and murmur, and He will hear my voice. Psalm 55:16, 17
* 10Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued k\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on his k\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously. Daniel 6:10

**Apostles**

* 9AM – ‘For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the t\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hour of the day;’ Acts 2:15
* Noon – ‘On the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ hour to p\_\_\_\_\_\_.’ Acts 10:9
* 3PM – ‘Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth *hour*, the h\_\_\_\_\_\_

of p\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,’ Acts 3:1

**Pattern of Daily Prayer – Secluded Places**

* W\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – *He used to slip away to the wilderness* - Luke 5:16
* G\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – *He went forth where there was a garden* – John 18:1,2
* M\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *- Jesus…withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone -* John 6:15

**Prayer – Following Jesus’ Pattern Steps to Skill Mastery:**

* U\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ i\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* C\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* U\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Seven Minutes With God Plan:**

* Guidance 30 seconds
* Bible (1 chapter) 4 minutes
* Adoration 30 seconds
* Confession 30 seconds
* Thanksgiving 30 seconds
* Supplication 1 minute
  + Intercession (others) 30 seconds
  + Petition (self) 30 seconds

**How To’s:**

* P\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – a quiet setting, free from distractions
* T\_\_\_\_\_\_ – free from other responsibilities
  + Jesus – morning and evening (all night)
* T\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – Bible, study tools, and devotional resources
* P\_\_\_\_\_\_ – format – variety is good

**Concept 4**

* *The Devotional Life of Jesus: a pattern of closeness with God*

**Next Week: Concept 5**

* *“Pleasing God”*