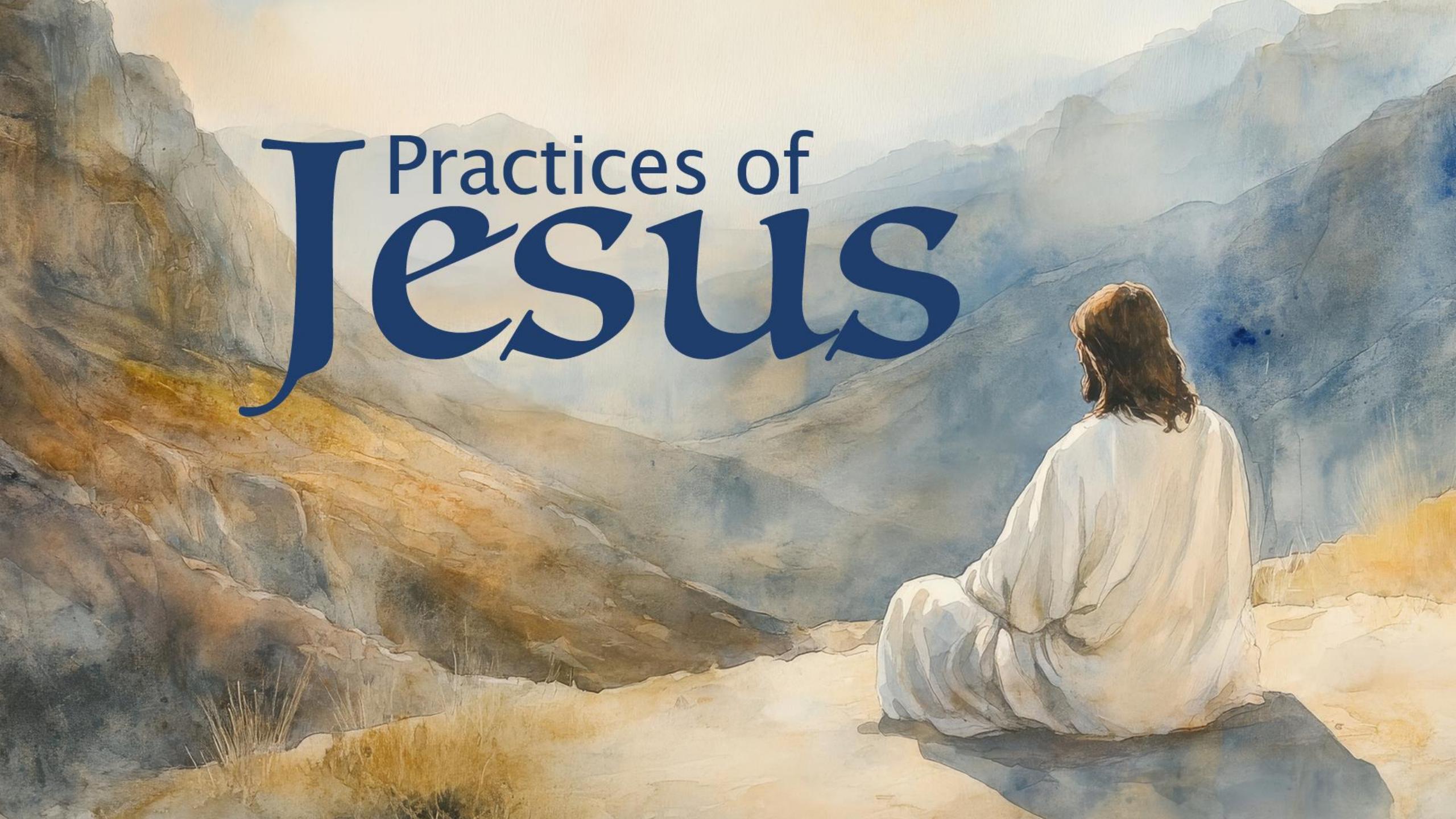


# Practices of Jesus



<sup>40</sup> Students are not greater than their teacher. But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher.  
(Luke 6:40 NLT)

# Prayer is NOT...

- An Incantation

*<sup>16</sup> “...the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered.” (Acts 19:16 NLT)*

- A Performance

*<sup>5</sup> “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get.” (Matthew 6:5 NLT)*

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.” - Martin Luther

“Prayer is the link that connects us with God.”  
- A.B. Simpson

“Prayer is not an optional extra in the Christian life; it is the very breath of our union with God.” - A.W. Tozer

“What wings are to a bird, and sails to a ship, prayer is to the soul.” - Corrie Ten Boom

Prayer is the vital act of intentionally connecting and communicating with God. In prayer we offer our attention and affection to God, and we receive what we need from our Heavenly Father, namely his presence and provision in our lives.

# Jesus Prayed Alone

## (Contemplative Prayer)

32 That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus.

33 The whole town gathered at the door to watch... 35 Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. (Mark 1:32-33, 35 NLT)

# Jesus Prayed Alone

## (Contemplative Prayer)

“Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.”  
(Luke 5:16 NLT)

# Jesus Prayed Alone

## (Contemplative Prayer)

“A close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us.” – Teresa of Avila

“Contemplative prayer isn’t looking to get anything from God; it’s just looking at God. ‘I look at Him, He looks at me, and we are happy.’” - John Mark Comer

# Jesus Prayed For Others

## (Intercessory Prayer)

31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. 32 But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.” (Luke 22:31-32 NLT)

# Jesus Prayed For Others

## (Intercessory Prayer)

“23 There were many priests under the old system, for death prevented them from remaining in office. 24 But because Jesus lives forever, his priesthood lasts forever. 25 Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf.” (Hebrews 7:23-25 NLT)

# Jesus Prayed With Others

## (Communal Prayer)

41 So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, thank you for hearing me. 42 You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me.” 43 Then Jesus shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 And the dead man came out, his hands and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!” (John 11:41-44 NLT)

# Contemplative Prayer

How will you regularly get away and get alone with God in 2026?

# Intercessory Prayer

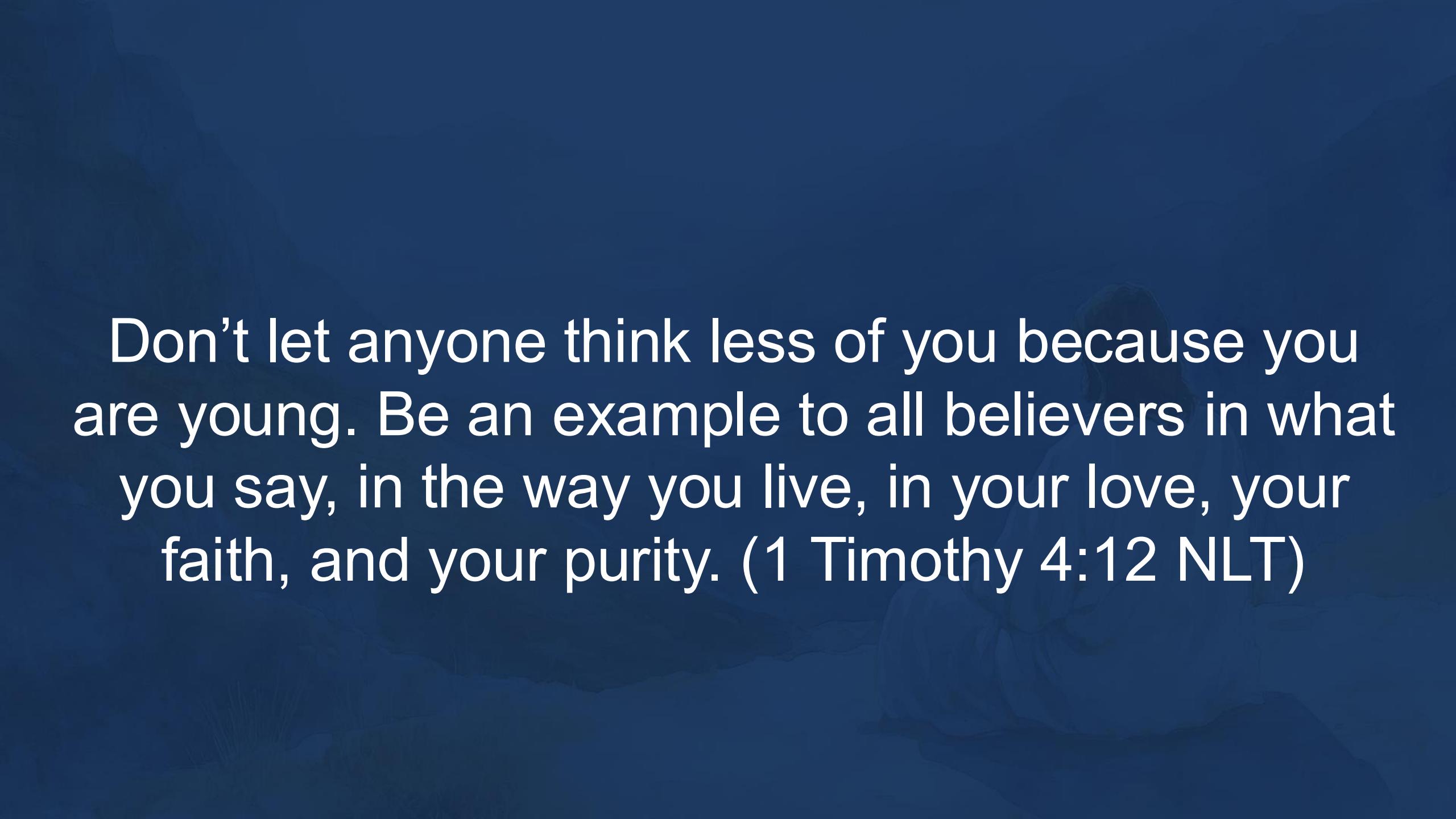
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# Communal Prayer

How will you regularly pray with others  
in the church?

Sunday Mornings / Life Groups / Thursday Zoom Prayer /  
Stay and Pray / Prayer Walks / Alliance Prayer Retreat

A person in a dark, textured garment, possibly a monk's habit, sitting in a contemplative pose with hands clasped.

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. (1 Timothy 4:12 NLT)