

Silence & Solitude

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Song of Songs 2:10,13-14,16 KJV - [10] *My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. 13] The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. 14] O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely. [16] My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies.*

Acts 2:40 KJV - [40] *And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.*

When it comes to saving your soul, there are some things you have to do yourself, for yourself.

- Personal reflection.
- Personal introspection.
- Personal analysis.
- Personal alignment.
- Personal repentance.
- Personal praise.
- Personal worship.

Psalms 26:2,8,11-12 KJV - [2] *Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my reins and my heart. 8] Lord, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth. 11] But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me. 12] My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the Lord.*

John 21:25 KJV - [25] *And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.*

New Testament Recorded Miracles of Jesus (including Scripture passages):

- ❖ Jesus changed water into wine (John 2:1-11).
- ❖ Jesus cured the nobleman's son (John 4:46-47).
- ❖ The great haul of fishes (Luke 5:1-11).
- ❖ Jesus cast out an unclean spirit (Mark 1:23-28).
- ❖ Jesus cured Peter's mother-in-law of a fever (Mark 1:30-31).
- ❖ Jesus healed a leper (Mark 1:40-45).
- ❖ Jesus healed the centurion's servant (Matthew 8:5-13).
- ❖ Jesus raised the widow's son from the dead (Luke 7:11-18).
- ❖ Jesus stilled the storm (Matthew 8:23-27).
- ❖ Jesus cured two demoniacs (Matthew 8:28-34).
- ❖ Jesus cured the paralytic (Matthew 9:1-8).
- ❖ Jesus raised the ruler's daughter from the dead (Matthew 9:18-26).
- ❖ Jesus cured a woman of an issue of blood (Luke 8:43-48).
- ❖ Jesus opened the eyes of two blind men (Matthew 9:27-31).
- ❖ Jesus loosened the tongue of a man who could not speak (Matthew 9:32-33).
- ❖ Jesus healed an invalid man at the pool called Bethesda (John 5:1-9).
- ❖ Jesus restored a withered hand (Matthew 12:10-13).
- ❖ Jesus cured a demon-possessed man (Matthew 12:22).

- ❖ Jesus fed at least five thousand people (Matthew 14:15-21).
- ❖ Jesus healed a woman of Canaan (Matthew 15:22-28).
- ❖ Jesus cured a deaf and mute man (Mark 7:31-37).
- ❖ Jesus fed at least four thousand people (Matthew 15:32-39).
- ❖ Jesus opened the eyes of a blind man (Mark 8:22-26).
- ❖ Jesus cured a boy who was plagued by a demon (Matthew 17:14-21).
- ❖ Jesus opened the eyes of a man born blind (John 9:1-38)
- ❖ Jesus cured a woman who had been afflicted eighteen years (Luke 13:10-17).
- ❖ Jesus cured a man of dropsy (Luke 14:1-4).
- ❖ Jesus cleansed ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19).
- ❖ Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-46).
- ❖ Jesus opened the eyes of two blind men (Matthew 20:30-34).
- ❖ Jesus caused the fig tree to wither (Matthew 21:18-22).
- ❖ Jesus restored the ear of the high priest's servant (Luke 22:50-51).
- ❖ Jesus rose from the dead (Luke 24:5-6).
- ❖ The second great haul of fishes (John 21:1-14).

Mark 16:17-18 - *17. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*

5 spiritual virtues in operation in the life of the believer.

1. The authority of the name of Jesus
2. The Impartation of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and supernatural means of communication
3. Divine wisdom over beguiling spirits
4. Divine protection from hurt harm & danger
5. Divine healing

- **PowerPoint:** demonstrated in Public is ALWAYS the result of prayers offered in private.

Solitude:

1. The state of one who is alone

- **PowerPoint:** If you cannot stand to be alone, you cannot stand to be anointed

Genesis 32:24-30 KJV - [24] *And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. [25] And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. [26] And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. 27] And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.*

- **PowerPoint:** No longer refer to yourself on the basis of a past tense experience. Begin now to refer to yourself on the basis of a future tense expectation.

Genesis 32:24-30 KJV - [28] *And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. [29] And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. [30] And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.*

2. A condition of being apart from human interaction or of being separated by will from ones usual associates or activities.

Mark 1:35-37 KJV - *[35] And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. [36] And Simon and they that were with him followed after him. [37] And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee.*

- **PowerPoint:** Sometimes you have to go where people cannot find you so you can find God.

3. Deliberate withdrawal

Matthew 14:22-23 KJV - *[22] And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. [23] And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.*

- **PowerPoint:** Over exposure makes you vulnerable to premature expiration.

John 8:28-29,31 KJV - *[28] Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he , and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. [29] And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. [31] Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;*

Don't neglect time alone with God and don't let anyone make you feel guilty about it. Appropriate the significance of solitude. Enter into your prayer closet. Lay your head on the bosom of Jesus. Listen to his heartbeat. Re calibrate your mind and let's finish 2020....focused.