

TEXT: Mark 1:35
TOPIC: Solving Personal Problems Through Prayer
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MARK 1:35 *Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*

1.DISEASE, MARK 1:31, 34

31 So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on him. 34 and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

MARK 2:5, *When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."*

2.DECISION, MARK 1:37-38

37 and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" 38 Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else - to the nearby villages - so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."

3.DEMONS, MARK 1:25, 39

25 "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" 39 So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

4.DISCOURAGEMENT, MARK 1:38

Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else-to the nearby villages-so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."

MARK 1:44-45, *44 "See that you don't tell this to anyone. But go, show yourself to the priest and offer the sacrifices that Moses commanded for your cleansing as a testimony to them." 45 Instead he went out and began to talk freely, spreading the news. As a result, Jesus could no longer enter a town openly but stayed outside in lonely places. yet the people still came to him from everywhere.*

MATT. 14:30-32, *30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said "Why did you doubt?" 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.*

5. DIFFICULTY, MATT 14:23-33

23 After he had dismissed them, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, 24 but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. 25 During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." 28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." 29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat and walked on the water to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

6. DEVOTION, Psalm 116:1 (NLT)

¹ *I love the LORD because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy.*

7. DEVELOP, Philippians 3:8-10 (NKJV)

⁸ *Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,*