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MACHAIRA

(Pronounced makh'-ahee-rah)

- Daily revelatory thoughts to sharpen you and to help you grow in deep spiritual understanding and knowledge.
- Scriptures for your daily meditation.
- Daily Christ-centered and apostolic-prophetic prayers.

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**STAY LONG WITH GOD -
BE IMMERSED IN THE SPIRIT 6**

"Now at this time Jesus went off to the mountain to pray, and He spent the whole night in prayer to God."

Luke 6:12 (Amplified)

Have you given attention to the beauty of Jesus' ministry?

Do you think the miracles just happened because He walked on earth as fully God. His Divinity is undeniable, yet Jesus was also fully Man and showed us how men should commune with God to express divine glory.

Previously we saw this scripture:

"He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He

walked." 1 John 2:6 (NKJV)

Glory to God.

As you are in Christ, don't just admire His glory and wish to manifest that glory; walk as He did. This means the things Jesus did are the things you must do to have the Jesus kind of results.

I explained previously that; the matter of being immersed in the Spirit is not a matter of methods but the new living way. To be immersed in the Spirit is an organic experience and not mechanical.

That is why you must follow the example of Christ. Jesus didn't manifest glory just because He was divine, He manifested glory because He engaged organic items which enabled Him to unleash glory. The scriptures make you see things others don't see. For example, when one thinks of Jesus walking on water, one may think that the miracle just happened because it was Jesus.

Not really...

The miracle of Jesus happened when He was returning from the place of prayer. Am I saying without coming from the place of prayer you cannot work the miraculous?

Pay attention closely, NO ONE WORKED GREAT MIRACLES IN THE KINGDOM WITHOUT BEING PRAYERFUL, NOT ONE!

And through the scriptures, we see the behind-the-scenes of Jesus' life. When people looked at Jesus, they saw; a miracle worker, a great healer and began to wonder how He did those things. But through the scriptures, we see a PRAYERFUL Jesus. We see that He was one who stayed long hours in the Lord's presence. Jesus did nothing without prayer.

And Jesus spake a parable unto them to this end, that "*men ought always to pray, and not to faint*". (Luke 18:1)

(Take time to read the whole chapter of Luke 18, where Jesus explained, persistence in prayer).

Jesus demonstrated great faith and power because He knew how to stay in the place of prayer. He didn't just teach about prayer, He was given to long prayers. From the opening verse of this episode, you will see how Jesus spent the whole night in prayer.

He didn't just pray, He spent long hours in prayer.

And as I have told you before, the principle of prayer is the principle of intimate communication. Prayer is not just a moment of making demands. Prayer is a matter of communing with God. You don't pray only because you have something to tell God. You create time to pray mainly because you want to spend time with God.

The more you stay long with God, the more you are immersed in His presence. Great strength is dispensed when you stay long with God in deep fellowship.

"Then Jesus returned to the disciples and found them sleeping. "Were you not able to keep watch with Me for one hour?" He asked Peter." Matthew 26:40 (Berean Standard Bible).

The disciples couldn't continue with Jesus even for an hour.

Don't join those who make excuses that *"it is not how long you pray but how well you pray"*.

What about how well you pray long?

I tell you this, those who spend more time with God in prayer access the depths of God's plans and purposes.

Starting from today select times to continue long hours in prayer. Also, make plans not only to pray 3 hours or 4 hours. Plan times when you will pray 6 hours, 12 hours or even 16 hours. Yes, you can continue in prayer for even 24 hours.

Jesus prayed the whole night.

How long have you stayed with God today in prayer?

Don't say you don't have time, MAKE THE TIME TO PRAY!

This will lengthen your chords and strengthen your stakes.

Selah.

DIG DEEPER

(Exodus 34:27-29; Psalm 32:6; Exodus 24:18; Luke 9:29)

WE PRAY

We pray that we exercise wisdom and discipline to avoid every hindrance which leads to prayerlessness.

BIBLE READING IN THE YEAR 2023

Genesis 33 - 35

DECLARE THESE WORDS:

- I don't entertain any habit or association that stirs up prayerlessness.
- I don't compromise and give excuses, I make time for prayer.
- I am given to prayer.
- I stay long in prayers.
- I am a man of prayer.

Oh glory to God!