

SERMON NOTES

October 7 & 8, 2023

Out of Control: Guidance Needed Psalm 48:14

Q: How do I align my life with the will of God when trouble happens?

A: _____

Barrier: _____, _____ & _____

Breakthrough: Prayer is a _____

1. Use _____ praying.

a. Use _____ to practice _____ prayers.

Psalm 25:4-11

Barrier: _____

Breakthrough: Prayer is a _____.

1. Use the _____ by Paul to practice prayer as _____.

Romans 16:17 & 18 | 1 Corinthians 16:14

Barrier of _____.

Luke 22:42

Breakthrough: Prayer is a _____.

1. Use the _____ to see _____ Jesus prayed.

a. Moments of Celebration (**Luke 3:21**)

b. Moments of Sadness (**Luke 23:46**)

c. Big Decisions (**Luke 6:12**)

d. When Change Happens (**Luke 9:28-29**)

e. In Agony (**Luke 22:41**)

f. When Friends Failed Him (**Mark 14:35-38**)

g. Intercession (**Luke 23:34**)

Life Steps

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Monday

Luke 3:21-22

Reflect: Jesus prayed before, during, and after celebrations. What is something you are celebrating right now? Fill in the blank and practice this prayer any time you walk from one place to another.

Pray: God, thank you for _____, it is in celebrations where I easily see your blessing on my life. Amen

Tuesday

Luke 23:44-46

Reflect: Moments of sadness were real for Jesus. Even amidst pain, he surrendered it to God. What season or situation has you spinning out of control? Worried? Fill in the blank and write this prayer on a piece of paper. Carry it with you this week, pull it out, and read the prayer every time your mind wanders to the situation or season you have listed.

Pray: God, into your hands I commit _____. Amen

Wednesday

Luke 6:12-13

Reflect: Jesus spent time with God in prayer before a big decision, in this scripture, it was choosing his disciples. It is okay to pray people into your life that help your faith grow, and it is okay to pray people out of your life that do not help your faith grow. Before any conversation today, pray the following.

Pray: God, keep my heart open to the people who can help me love you better. Amen

Thursday

Luke 8:28-29

Reflect: At the transfiguration of Jesus, he was praying. He was spending time with God and his friends as he changed from one form to another. What changes are you facing in your life? Fill in the blank and pray this prayer anytime you think about the change today.

Pray: God, I trust you are working as _____ is changing. Amen

Friday

Luke 22: 39-44

Reflect: When Jesus was in agony, he prayed. When his prayer was not answered, he prayed. Prayer is about being in a relationship with someone who can strengthen you when life is out of control. Pray the prayer below if you face any darkness today.

Pray: God, I trust you are working even when things don't work out. Amen

Saturday

Mark 14:35-38

Reflect: Even Jesus asked for something he did not receive. It is in alignment with God's will that Jesus was able to go to the cross and endure pain. Pray the prayer of alignment below any time your plan falls through today.

Pray: Lord, help me align my life with your will, especially when I don't get what I want. Amen

Sunday

Luke 23:32-34

Reflect: As Jesus hung on a cross after being wrongfully accused and judged, he offered a prayer of intercession for all people. Who can you pray for today? Fill in the blank as you pray.

Pray: God, I pray for _____. Help them know the fullness of your love today in a new way. Amen