

make some time to sit and be with Jesus. Invite him to come and share time with you. Invite him to come and reflect on life with him; the joys, the struggles, the pains, the celebrations.

Invite Jesus to open your eyes to how he's been there, seeking to share himself with you in every area of life; seeking to be living with you in every area of life.

Let's invite Jesus now to come and share with us this week, that together, as two friends, we can reflect on the life we share; sharing our stories.

Jesus, thank you that I'm part of your story of life. Thank you for our shared life together. I invite you to send the Spirit this week that

I might reflect with you on the life we've shared; seeing your hand in my life. Jesus, thank you that we are friends, that you have given your life that we might have a rich and satisfying life with you. I long to chat with you this week. Amen.

24 November 2019

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Jeremiah 23:1-6



You may have noticed that over the last two weeks I've been talking about prayer. Jesus said that his father's home was a house of prayer, for the nations.

This week I was listening to a guy by the name of Neil Gamble sharing his prayer time with Jesus. The setting is his front porch, early morning, around his fire. And Jesus is there with him, relaxed, feet on the rim of the fire pit, reflecting with Neil about their life together.

As Neil and Jesus chat, he's reminded of his life with Jesus; the good times, the struggles, the joys.

Neil reflects how his life with Jesus has always been a good time, not always an easy time. And as they chat Jesus is smiling, enjoying the banter.

Is this your idea of prayer?

Jesus is smiling and asking Neil; 'do you remember when'. They share their story, as they reflect on life together. Jesus says; 'I've always been there. If you would have seen life from my point of view you'd have had much less stress'. To which Neil agrees; worry didn't help and seeing life from Jesus perspective

certainly helped see life clearly.

Jesus is smiling, enjoying the conversation. Is this your idea of prayer?

All the commandments. All the trying to please God. All the obedience without the relationship we have in Jesus is such a waste of time.

Jesus just wants to be with us, to talk with us, to walk with us, to be a part of everything we do. He is; sometimes I'm just unaware, too busy, consumed by worry, trying hard to do things right that I miss him. But Jesus was born

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Jesus' disciples multiplying disciples

that we might live with him, knowing he wants to be a part of everything we do.

So all the commandments. All the trying to please God. All the obedience without the relationship of love and affection with Jesus that he's created and craves; is such a waste of time.

Jesus comes speaking from the heart. Investing himself in us; in you.

Jesus just wants to be with you, talking with you, walking with you, being a part of everything you do. And amazingly have you a part of what he's doing! He wants to share his life with you; personally.

As Neil sat there and chatted with

Jesus, reflecting on life, Jesus brought to his mind this thought; 'Life will be fine if you just walk with Jesus. Not easy, not without difficulties. But trusting in Jesus is never a waste of time, for the one we trust in is faithful.'

Jesus, that was awesome.

Even though it might look like there is no end to the darkness; it's just a place. So long as we keep walking, we're going to find the light, we're going to find Jesus and eventually look back and go, wow Jesus, that was awesome. You're awesome.

Then we can look forward and go wow, I wonder what

the next adventure will look like. Jesus what adventure will we share now; and in that adventure discover more and more of you, Jesus. Living in your presence, experiencing your love, knowing you personally in the hurly burly of life.

In some ways I see this is where we're at. We're at a time in the year

where we look back and reflect. As a community of faith in Jesus, we get to sit and talk as two friends, remembering our life with him. The things we did together, the struggles we shared, the joys we celebrated.

Is this your idea of prayer?

Is this your idea of religion, of what we

call Christianity? Two friends, talking, enjoying each other's company, reflecting on their shared life together.

Is that the first thought you have when you think of prayer, of religion, of Christianity?

Jesus' passion, what he craves, is living heart to heart with you, in this wonderful relationship of love and affection that he has created, in every part of life.

Jesus' desire is to flood life with his presence.

Is that your desire, to share life in Jesus presence, discovering more and more who he is, and wonderfully in the process discover more and more who you are? Living life together.

This week I'd like you to invite Jesus to sit down and share with you, as together you look back over life. Invite Jesus to shine his light on your life, to share your story together; the joys, the struggles, the pains, the

Invite Jesus—two friends telling life's stories.

successes, the loves. Invite Jesus to come and as two friends reflect on your life together; his love for you, even when you didn't notice it. His hopes and dreams for you; where you were in harmony and where I went my own way.

I know some of you have shared great moments with Jesus; like getting married. Others

shared times of hurt and lose; the death of a loved one. Where together with Jesus you mourned and looked forward in hope. I invite you to sit down with Jesus; two friends telling stories about what you shared together.

This week invite Jesus to walk with you discovering more and more

of who he is and who you are. Jesus passion, his desire, is to walk with you, sharing his life with you, having you as part of his life, so that together you can take on that next adventure.

Is this your idea of prayer?

This week, be it early morning, or in the evening, or after lunch, I encourage you to