

A DEVOTIONAL SERIES ON THE GOSPEL ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

NEVER TOO BUSY

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Jesus’ first day of public ministry (Mark 1:29-34) was very busy. He healed Simon’s mother (v. 29-31.) Mark writes, “And the whole city was gathered together at the door. And He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons.” (vv. 33-34)

You know Jesus has promised to be with you always (Matthew 28:20.) His promise is not exclusively to you. He is the Good Shepherd over all who believe and trust in Him in every nation and ethnicity. You and everyone else can pray to Him at any given time, for every life situation knowing He has promised to hear and answer the prayers of the righteous. Jesus never says, “please leave a message. At this time, I am taking care of someone else. I will get back to you as soon as possible.” God through Isaiah says regarding His answering your prayers, “Before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear.” (Isaiah 65:24)

Jesus is not only always available to minister to your every need, but He has all power (Matthew 28:18), knows all things, is present everywhere, and loves you unconditionally. This is true of Jesus because He and His heavenly Father are one. Colossians 2:9 says that “in Christ all the fullness of the Deity (God) lives.” With Him, then all things are possible. (Matthew 19:26)

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Peter encourages you to “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7) Jesus, in His sermon on the mount, directs you away from your worries toward putting your faith and trust in Your heavenly Father, “Do not worry then, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear for clothing?’ “For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (Matthew 6:31-33) God

and His Son Jesus are ever ready to minister to you, whatever your earthly or spiritual need.

Prayer: O Lord, grant me faith to come to you with all my needs of body and soul, with complete faith trusting in You, Your grace and Your mercy for Jesus' sake. Amen.

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.
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