

Beholding



the Glorious One

## “Slip Away to Pray”

PART 28 • Luke 5:16

### INTRODUCTION

#1 problem with prayer...

Mt. 6:7-8

“Men usually ply their prayers like sailors do their pumps when the ships leak.”  
— *unknown*

Mt. 7:7-11; Phil. 4:6

#2 problem with prayer...

“The thing I know will give me the deepest joy—namely, to be alone and unhurried in the presence of God, aware of His presence, my heart open to worship Him—is often the thing I least want to do.”  
— *John R.W. Stott*

• the crowds’ reaction...and Jesus’ response

Lk. 4:40-43; 5:15-16

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### 1. We pray because we love the Father

- to “slip away”

Jn. 5:20; 14:31

- love for the Father fueled by Scripture

### 2. We pray because we depend upon the Father

- Jesus’ awareness of His dependence

Jn. 5:19; 8:28

“The end of prayer is not so much tangible answers as a deepening life of dependency...The call to prayer is a call primarily to love, submission, and obedience...the avenue of sweet, intimate, and intense fellowship of the soul with the infinite Creator.”

— *John Hanna*

- our still deeper dependence

### 3. We pray because we seek to glorify the Father

- the poor example of prayer by Jacob

Gen. 28:10-15, 20-22

- Jesus did not seek His own will

Jn. 17:4, 6-8

### CONCLUSION

“How clearly then is the fundamental duty in prayer set forth. Self and all its needs must be given a secondary place, and the Lord freely accorded the pre-eminence in our thoughts and supplications. This petition must take the precedence for the glory of God’s great name is the ultimate end of all things.”

— *Arthur Pink*