



Shofar Christian Church

The praying house II

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Luke 11:5–13 (ESV)

5 And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, 6 for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; 7 and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? 8 I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. 9 And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

10 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 11 What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12 or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

you ask not

Genesis 32:26 (ESV)

26 Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.”

keep on going

Luke 18:1–8 (ESV)

1 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’ ” 6 And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says

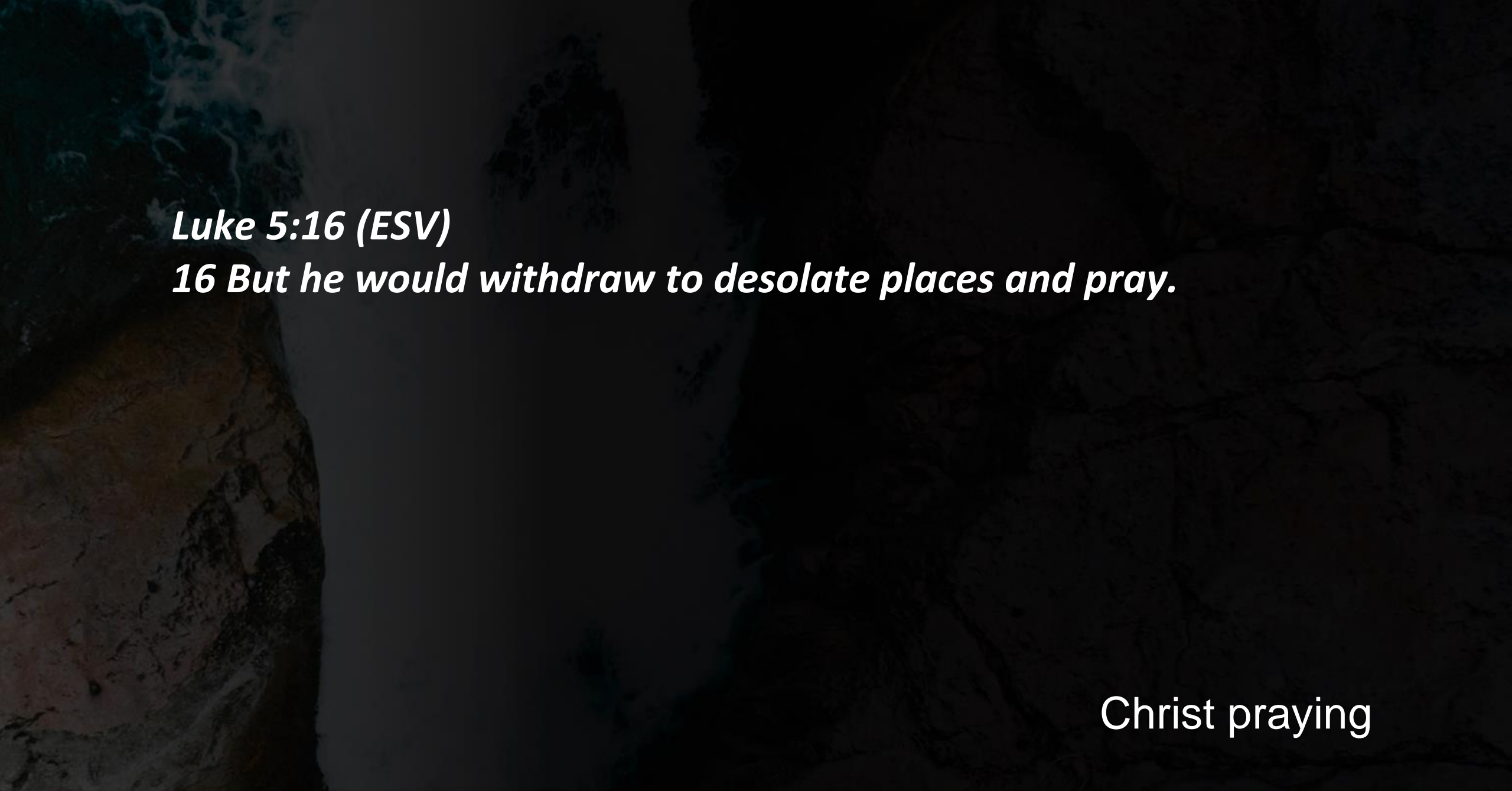
7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

keep on going

Jeremiah 33:3 (ESV)

3 Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

keep on going



Luke 5:16 (ESV)

16 But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.

Christ praying

Hebrews 5:7 (ESV)

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.

Christ praying

Luke 22:44 (ESV)

44 And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Christ praying

Hebrews 7:25 (ESV)

25 Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Christ praying

Acts 4:31 (ESV)

31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Christ praying

Isaiah 62:1–2 (ESV)

1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. 2 The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

gather

Isaiah 62:6–7 (ESV)

6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the Lord in remembrance, take no rest, 7 and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth.

gather

Isaiah 56:7 (ESV)

7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

House of prayer

Matthew 21:13 (ESV)

13 He said to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.”

House of prayer

Revelation 5:8 (ESV)

8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

House of prayer

Hebrews 4:16 (ESV)

16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

House of prayer

Joel 2:15–18 (ESV)

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; 16 gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. 17 Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep and say, “Spare your people, O Lord, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their God?’ ” 18 Then the Lord became jealous for his land and had pity on his people.

House of prayer

- 1. Make a decision to dedicate this time to God alone.***
- 3. Have a pen and paper close by to write distractions down.***
- 4. Worship God (centre your thoughts to God). Prayer should be calling out to God, admitting that you are not able, surrender to Him in faith that He will solve your problems in His time and way. If you struggle to zoom in when worshipping put on a worship cd.***
- 5. Recap on previous prayer moments with God: a) thanksgiving (encourage you) b) pray further into***
- 6. Unburden your heart by writing things that bother you/puzzles you down***

7. Pray every mountain through until you hear God's response: it might be a) a question to you b) solution c) instruction d) silence (reason to pray again). Write it down for follow up and confirmations.

8. Be honest about your feelings- it's not just a goal oriented exercise, but a relationship.

9. Don't say you can't hear His voice – The easiest way to hear His voice is to read His conversation with mankind – The Word! Read it, Quote it, and proclaim it!

10. Don't limit God to your quiet time, he speaks under the shower, in the shopping line, car, people's circumstances. Be creative to always be vigilant and open. Expectation. Pray in tongues.

11. Doing prayers. Sometimes God tells you to say or do something to somebody even unknown. Do it immediately. Rudy – Canada.

12. Have a fixed cause list in the back of your journal (praying every day for): leaders, family, protection, provision.

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