

# Extreme Prayer

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Luke 9:28-36

## A Call to Prayer

The Practice of Prayer and Extreme Prayer

## Old Testament Echoes

- Moses
- Elijah
- Mountain
- Law and Prophets
- Listen

## The Flow

### Mark's Gospel – Two Parts

- Who is this → Jesus is the Messiah
- What Kind of Messiah → Cross, Discipleship

### The “Hinge”

- Peter's Confession
- God's Affirmation
- The Conversation

## The Point

### The Practice of Prayer

- Prayer not (only) a “Technique”
- The Point – Create Opportunity, Environment

### What is Prayer

- Contact with God – Invisible; Spiritual; Heaven
- Real!

## Keep Practicing!

- Do – Keep Practicing
- But – Remember what you are doing ...

**Connecting with God!**

# The Practice of Prayer

## Review

Set Aside Time

Prayer List – Specific Requests

Listening Time – Silence

Praying Scripture

Writing – Journal

Songs – Sung Prayer

Liturgical Prayers – Vocabulary of Prayer

Laying on Hands

## Praying Scripture

### Start very simple!

Set aside a little time.

### Read a Passage

Read Slowly, Attentively – Listening

Look for a word, phrase, idea

### Write an idea

### Turn it into Prayer

## A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.