



more than

SUNDAY

How do I stay faithful in following Jesus?

a more than
SUNDAY **faith**
means we must be prayerful
- not prayerless

MARK 1:29-30

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon (Peter) and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her.

MARK 1:31

³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

MARK 1:32-34

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

MARK 1:35-37

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: “Everyone is looking for you!”

MARK 1:38

³⁸ Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.”

PRAYER

is to be personal, not transactional

the heart of prayer is about a relationship



GOD

is our friend

helper

counselor

comforter

**GOD IS A GOOD
HEAVENLY FATHER**

PRAYER

must be a priority

there must be intentionality when it comes to prayer

Why is it so hard to make

PRAYER

a priority?

BUSYNESS

work

kids

school

meetings

errands

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PRAYER

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DISTRACTIONS

phones

notifications

comfort

entertainment

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SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

prayer is a spiritual muscle we must exercise

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PRAYER

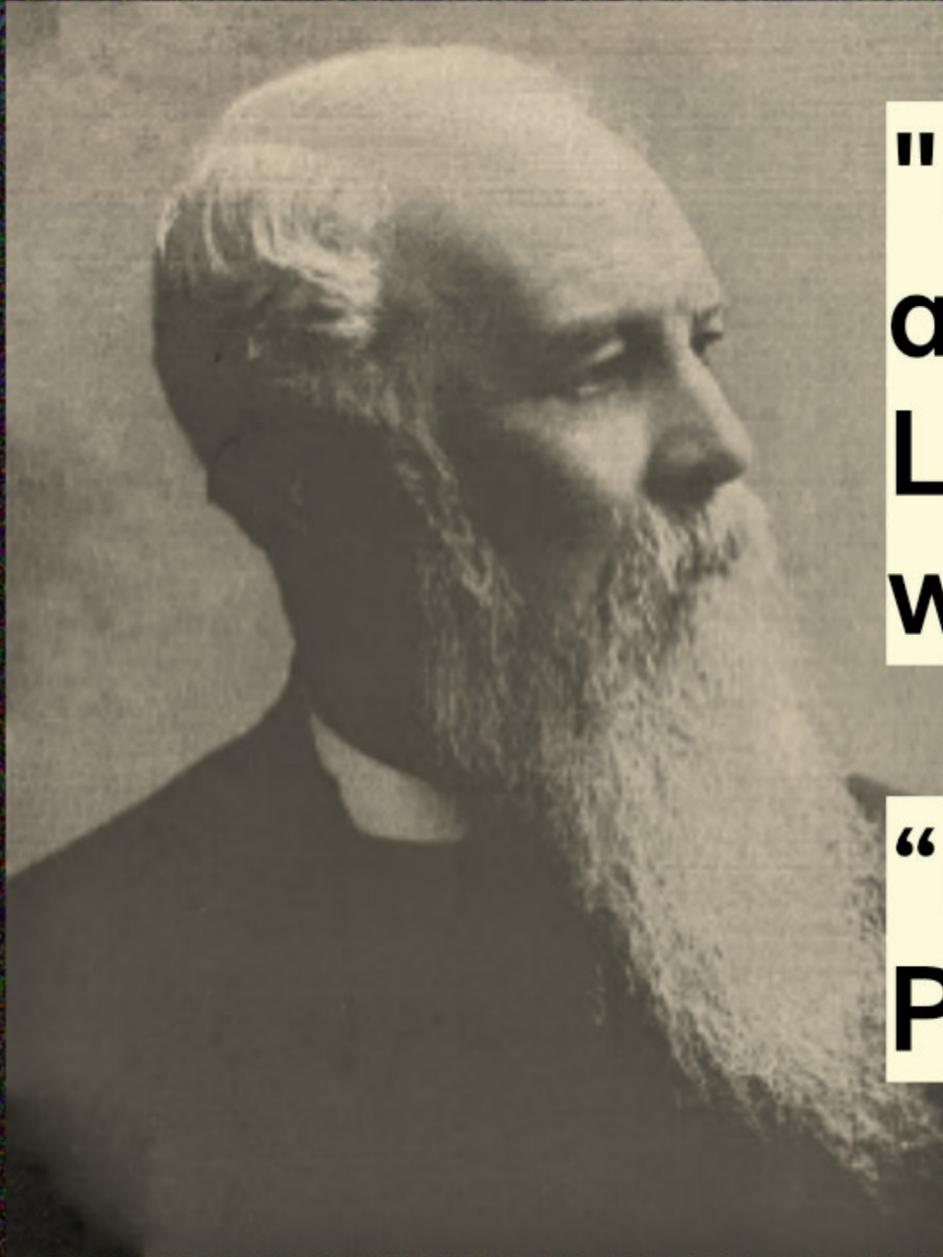
a priority?

SPIRITUAL BATTLE

involves being alert and focused

PRAYER

empowers mission and purpose



"If anyone thought that he could afford to neglect prayer, it was our Lord Jesus Christ. Yet of no one do we read so much about prayer."

"Prayer was the secret of His power. Prayer was the life of His ministry."

-J.C. Ryle

PRAYERLESSNESS

subtly says *"I've got this. I don't really need God."*

We need strength outside of ourselves and that strength comes through dependence on God in prayer.

engaging in

PRAYER

just talk to God

engaging in

PRAYER

Adoration

Confession

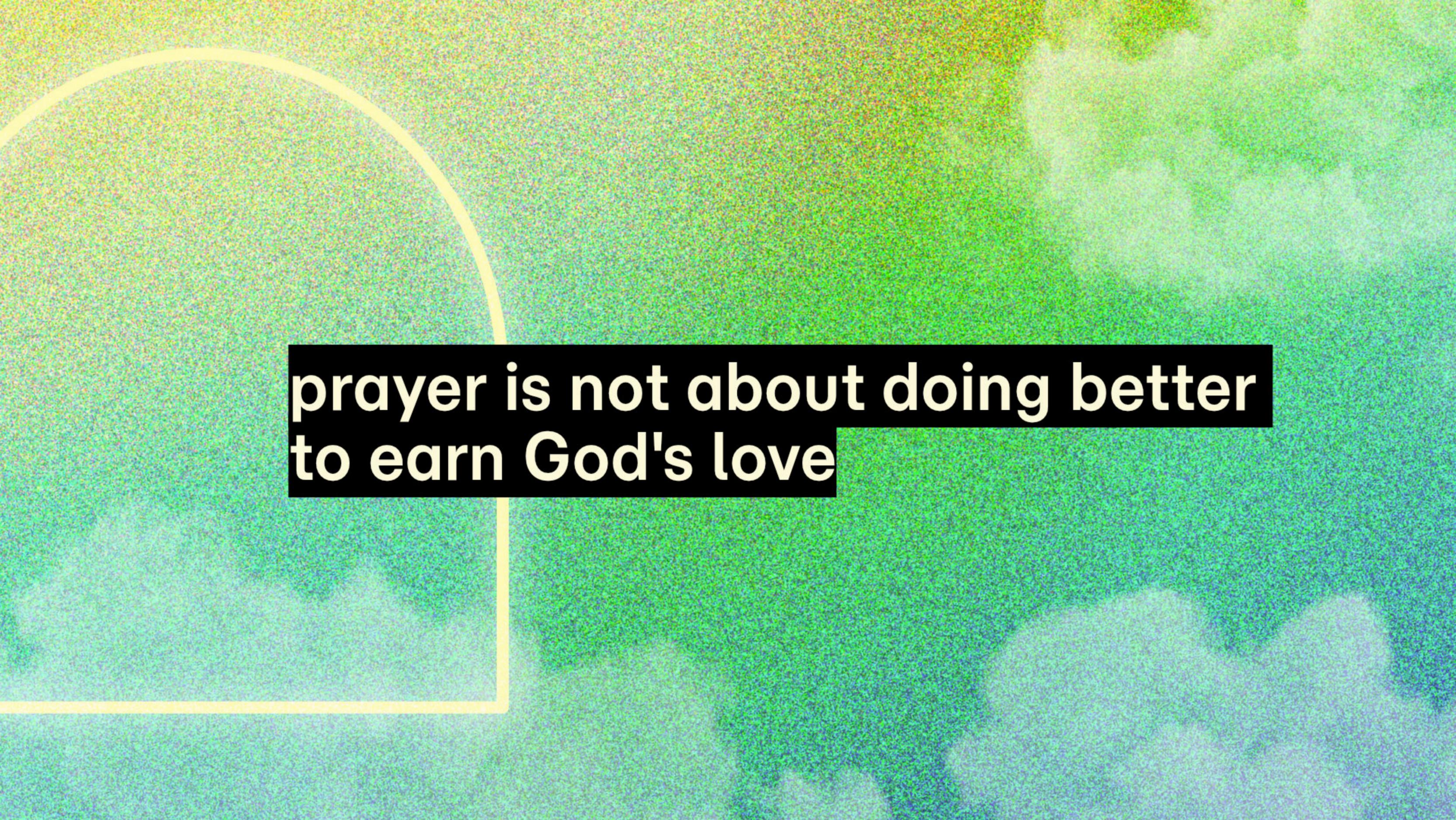
Thanksgiving

Supplication

engaging in

PRAYER

pray scripture



**prayer is not about doing better
to earn God's love**