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However look at **Mark 1:35**. "Now in the morning, having risen a long while before day-light, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed."

Jesus knew His ministry would take Him to other towns and thousands more people who needed Him. To get ready, His top priority was to pray! With a hard & tiring day behind Him and more of the same ahead, Jesus got away from it all and prayed. Do you think there's a lesson there for us?

Did you have an unbelievably busy day today? Do you have more of the same coming tomorrow? Take the time to go to God in prayer. Jesus, the Son of God, needed the strength that came from those prayers. How much more, do you think you and I could use them?!?

— Shane Williams

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Just a Regular Day for Jesus

Have you ever thought much about the day-to-day life of Jesus? In the 2nd half of Mark 1, it had been a busy day for Jesus. He was visiting the seaside town of Capernaum but he wasn't on vacation.

First, He went to the synagogue and taught. **Mark 1:22**, "And they were amazed at His teaching; for He was teaching them as one having authority, and not as the scribes."

While there, Jesus cast an unclean spirit out of a man. The people responded, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him" (vs. 27). From

there it was a short walk to the home of one of His disciples, Peter, where Jesus healed the disciple's mother-in-law (vss. 30-31). Later that day, the whole city gathered at the door of the house and Jesus spent a good portion of the evening healing the sick and driving out demons (vss. 32-34).

Imagine the exhaustion Jesus must have felt as the last person walked away changed because of their time with Him.

Wouldn't you say that Jesus deserved a day off or at least a chance to sleep in?

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David's Self-Control

The relationship between David and King Saul is one of the strangest and most unstable recorded in the Bible. David came to Saul's rescue on different occasions (as a harp player – I Sam. 16:23; and as a warrior – I Sam. 17). He was best friends with the king's son (Jonathan), and he married the king's daughter (Michal – I Sam. 18:27). Wouldn't you think such a person would be in a good position with the King?

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Well, not David! Saul was fearful of David because the Lord was with him and had departed from Saul (I Sam. 18:12, 15, 29). Twice Saul tried to spear David while he was playing the harp for him (I Sam. 18:10-11; 19:9). Saul also sent men to David's house to try and kill him (I Sam. 19:15).

Nevertheless, look at what happened when the two finally crossed paths and David had the chance to kill Saul! Instead of attacking him, David crept up and cut off a piece of his robe. Afterward, he felt guilty for even doing that (1

Samuel 24:5). When they later met face to face, David told the king, *"Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness; but my hand shall not be against you"* (v.13). Saul saw that David had rewarded his evil with good. He saw that the Lord had delivered him into David's hand yet David did not kill him. Saul pleaded with David not to kill his descendants after He became king. What self-control David used!

Sometimes we must deal with people who are less than kind or are eager to see bad come to us (employer, co-worker, etc). They probably don't want to kill you but the same principle still applies.

Like David, let's do what God would have us to do — use self-control and keep on doing those things we know are right!

Gal 6:9, *"And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary."*

—Shane Williams

Faithful Today, Yesterday & Tomorrow

Two men were sent to the city of Jericho by Joshua to spy out the land (Joshua 2). They stayed with a harlot named Rahab. Rahab could have easily turned the men in, as the King requested but she didn't. As the story unfolds, we find that Rahab had a remarkable faith.

The writer of Hebrews said, *"By faith the harlot Rahab did not perish with those who did not believe, when she had received the spies with peace"* (Heb. 11:31).

Although it might have seemed incredible that Joshua's army would be able to break down or scale the walls of Jericho, she remembered what God had done for the Israelites in the past (vs. 10). She knew what happened at the Red Sea when the Israelites were coming out of Egypt. She was also familiar with the destroying of the two Amorite Kings on the East side of the Jordan River. So she put her trust in the God of Israel by protecting the spies and by resting her future on the hope of what God would do. Rahab's faith in God involved the past, the present, and the future.

Our faith should be the same.

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Concerning the past, we know that God has proven His love and power, especially in giving His Son to die for our salvation (Rom. 5:8) and in bringing Him back to life (Rom. 1:4). In the present, He speaks to us through His Word (Heb. 1:1-4; John 12:48), hears our prayers (Mt. 7:7-11), and forgives us of our sins (I John 1:7). For the future, He promises the faithful eternal life (I John 2:25).

As we reflect on God's faithfulness in the past and look to see His work in the present, we understand that there is good reason to trust Him for the future. What a wonderful & powerful God we serve! Let us remain faithful to Him.

— Shane Williams

God's Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ Believe the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ Repent of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ Confess Faith in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ Be Baptized in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; I Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ Be Faithful until/ unto Death (Rev. 2:10)