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WAR ROOM
PRAYER: WHERE YOU PRAY
MATTHEW 6:5-6

What is the need? Matt. 6:5-6

- Get away from other **people**. Matt. 6:5-6; Ex. 18:17-21; Matt. 14:22-23; Luke 5:1, 16; 6:12
- Get away from **ourselves**. Matt. 6:5-6; 19:27; Luke 18:9-14; Ps. 25:8-11; 86:11
- Get away from the **world**. 1 John 2:15-17

Who can we follow?

- **Old** Testament believers.
 - **Moses**. Ex. 17:4; 19:3-6; 24:2, 12, 15; 32:1, 11; 33:9
 - **Nehemiah**. Neh. 1:4-11
 - **Jeremiah**. Jer. 1:11-19
- **New** Testament believers.
 - **Peter**. Acts 10:9
 - **Cornelius**. Acts 10:20
 - **Paul**. Philem. 1:4-7; Col. 1:3-22; 2:1-3; Eph. 1:15-23; 3:1-19; Phil. 1:3-4
 - **Jesus**. Matt. 4:1; Luke 4:1, 42; Matt. 14:23; Mark 1:35

Why we need to.

- To **listen** to God. Jer. 1:11-12, 1 Kin. 19:10-13; 2 Chr. 7:12-22; Gal. 1:17-18; Matt. 26:36-46; Hab. 2:1
- To **learn** from God. Jer. 1:11-12; Matt. 26:36-46; 1 Kin. 19:10-13; 2 Chr. 7:12-22; Gal. 1:17-18
- To **lean** on God. Luke 22:41-42; Prov. 3:5-6; Ps. 62:1-2, 5-6
- To be **still** and worship God. Ps. 46:10; Hab. 2:20; Zeph. 1:7

“We are so afraid of the silence that we chase ourselves from one event to the next in order not to have to spend a moment alone with ourselves, in order not to have to look at ourselves in the mirror.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Whatever the reason for not liking silence and solitude, Susan Muto makes a point that we need to consider. “In a noise-polluted world, it is even difficult to hear ourselves think, let alone try to be still and know God. Yet it seems essential for our spiritual life to seek some silence, no matter how busy we may be. Silence is not to be shunned as empty space, but to be befriended as fertile ground for intimacy with God.”