

Day 5

PLACE

Reminder: Yesterday was militant. We decided to take on everything that tries to divert our prayer focus. What are you doing right now to combat each distraction? Again, ask the Lord to help you win the war on distractions.

Today let's examine the *place* where you pray. Because it's very important to the success of your prayer Reset.

Jesus addressed the place of private prayer by painting a picture:

"But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly." (Matt 6:6)

Jesus' advice? Build your prayer life upon the bed-rock of a secluded location. Find a room where you

can withdraw from others, close the door, and have personal time with your Father.

Jesus gave a guaranteed way to get in the Father's presence. He said the Father *is in the secret place*, and when we shut our door we are immediately with Him. Instant intimacy. All you have to do, to meet with the Father, is shut your door.

In Jesus' case, He didn't have a room where He could isolate Himself from others, so He went outdoors *to a solitary place* for prayer (Mark 1:35). That's the idea behind *shut your door*. Jesus meant we should find a place of solitude.

Psalm 91 speaks marvelously of this meeting place with God. Write out Psalm 91:1 here:

This abiding relationship with the Father starts by withdrawing to the secret place of prayer, but then it never stops as we maintain that same intimacy with Him throughout the day. He wants to reveal to us the secrets of how to live in His presence all day long.

PRAY. Ask God to show you where your secret place should be. If you can't think of a place right

away, stay here until the Lord gives it to you. Is it a room in your home? Your car? Outdoors? 🔌

Write down the specific *place* where you are resolved to pray during this 20-day Reset.

My secret place of prayer is:

PRAY. Take a little time to ask for help to get to your place of solitude every day.

By the way, your car can be a great place to pray. But don't drive during your Reset. Park it and pray. Then, when you drive away, keep praying.

Pray without ceasing. (1 Thess. 5:17)

That little verse is one of the most challenging of all Scripture. And it's also one of the most amazing, because it reveals the Lord has made possible an ongoing conversation with Him that is so meaningful it never stops. What happens during a 20-minute Reset doesn't stop when the 20 minutes are over; rather, it fires up something that continues throughout the remainder of our day.

That little verse is the great aspiration of every believer with a noble heart for all of God. What we're all aiming for is a prayer life that becomes an unceasing, vibrant, 24/7 reality.

Getting to your *place* of prayer every day is so

