Spirit Series Part 1

Introduction: Jesus depended up His Father, even before the day began, He would often pray: And He did nothing, without seeing His Father doing it or hearing His Father instruct Him to do it: John 8:26-28; John 5:18-19

Luke 3:21 says that when Jesus prayed, Heaven was opened!

Jesus lived out an example in front of us that teaches us we must depend upon the Lord. NOT just when things are going bad, or we don't know what to do. But even when we think we know what to do...we should commune with the Lord. If not, we will MISS IT!

Text: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NLT)

Outline:

I. My Eyes.

A. Whose Eyes?

- → Moses was struggling with his calling, God said to Him in Exodus 4:11-12 (NLT)
- → Are these eyes only human? Are these eyes only looking at what is in front of them? Are these eyes that have been narrowed by scars, human tragedy, life experiences, and disappointment?

 OR Are these Eyes that have been Opened by God? Eyes of Faith!

 2 Corinthians 5:7
- → Are you listening to the wrong voices? Are you looking through others eyes? Are you looking through the lenses of the world? We need to have God's perspective.
- → Father, help us not miss something because of our own arrogance; or our neglect of prayer or Your word or Your house; or being discouraged. We can get so much in our head, down and out, worried, fearful, etc... that we miss what God is trying to say to bring us out!
- → Sometimes, if almost looks like we prefer to stay in our misery, because that is what we are most used to! **But God has a way of deliverance!** Just trust the Lord and Wait on the Lord! Some people can be in church and NOT SEE just missing it left and right. (Wondering around the church during the preaching of the word): Faith comes by hear and Hearing the Word of God! God can speak to you something far beyond just what Pastor David is saying! But you have to not miss it! Have your Eye of

B. God's Eyes: See Eternity! 2 Corinthians 4:18 (NIV)

We only see what is directly in front of us...but that is okay, God's got this! Listen to what God says about His Powerful word: Psalms 119:105

- → God's Eyes are different than ours:
 - **1.** God's Eyes are on Everyone! Proverbs 15:3 (NLT)
 - **2.** God's Eyes look at different things and deeper things 1 Samuel 16:7 (ESV)
 - **3.** God's Eyes benefits us, if we will open our Eyes and SEE! Psalm 32:8 (NIV)
 - **4.** God's Eyes see the physical (seen) and the Spiritual (unseen). Hebrews 4:12-13 (ESV)

God help us not to miss You! Help us not to miss strength that you longed to provide, wisdom that you longed to teach...due to our own arrogance, neglect or discouragement!

II.