

Chat with the Children

- Choosing - and seeing the consequences of our actions
- what is really important?
 - Mars bar or muesli?
 - Homework or TV?
 - Subjects
 - [Choices sheet...](#)
 - Choosing to pray...
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Introduction

- WDJD - what did he **do** has been our emphasis, in some ways, as we've looked through Mark
 - its a **kingdom** question - what does God ask us to **do** for him?
 - this final sermon in series on Mark 1 bridges the gap between Kingdom and Covenant, between doing and being, between activity for God and relationship with God... **Jesus prayed**
 - **he entered into relationship with God, and he acted out of relationship with God**

Prayer Directs

- For Jesus helped him choose what was to be the next priority:
 - oriented him round God's priorities...
 - enabled him to hear God's specific prompting...
 - and he chose then to act on the basis of his engagement with God, so he goes to other places - even in the face of popular pressure
- **Do we stop and ask?** Even little things like who should I speak to after the service...?

Prayer Empowers

- Jesus' is empowered by prayer, equipped, and stuff happens as he speaks to his Father!
 - *Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. (John 5:19)*
- Do you want stuff to happen for God?
 - or are you content that things in your family, amongst your friends, in your workplace, here in Fintry, just remain as they are?
 - **serious? then pray!**

Prayer comes Under Pressure from other demands

- See the pressure Jesus had on him:
 - first, pressure on time and space, of interruption, needing to go to a lonely space...
 - and second pressure to be always **doing**, rather than first of all **being in relationship with his Father**
- Confess how hard it is
 - keep working at finding ways that work for us
 - will change, at different stages in life, on different days of the week, round work, round family, round physical space available to us, energy, health...
 - yearn for more - its a relationship with someone amazing, someone who loves us, who has done wonderful things for us, and wants to know us more fully....

Lord, teach us to pray

- We want to serve God, to **do** what he wants us to do...
 - but outside of the context of relationship with God, such activity is meaningless, empty words and actions with no heart
 - the **activity** of prayer draws us back to that **relationship** with God that we have entered into when we accept Jesus as Saviour and Lord
- *Content?*
 - ref back to Lord's Prayer series...
 - focused round Him, his will, his glory, his priorities, his presence....