A person is silhouetted against a mountain range at sunrise or sunset. The sky is a mix of blue and yellow, and the mountains are layered in the distance. The text 'Psalm Sunday' is overlaid in large white letters with a drop shadow.

Psalm Sunday

Psalm 5

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness

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1 [\(To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth, A Psalm of David.\)](#) Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation. **2** Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. **3** My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee. **5** The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity. **6** Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing: the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue. **10** Destroy thou them, O God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee.

11 But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. **12** For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Three things the title tells us in Psalm 5:

1. To the Chief Musician

2. Upon Nehiloth

3. A Psalm of David

How David approached God in prayer

1. **“Give ear to my words”**
2. **“Lord”**
3. **“Consider my meditation”**
4. **“Hearken unto the voice of my cry”**
5. **“For you are my King”**
6. **“You are my God”**
7. **“Unto thee will I pray”**
8. **“My voice shalt thou hear in the morning”**
9. **“I will direct my prayer unto thee”**
10. **“I will look up”**



Spending time in prayer and in the Word shouldn't be optional or seasonal.



It has to be a daily priority in the life of the Christian!

“direct” = arak (Psalm 5:3)

Also translated as:

“joined in battle” - Genesis 14:8

*“laid (the wood) in order” – Genesis
22:9*

Often used in the context of setting
in order the altar of the Lord, or
preparing and setting armies in
array for battle.



Ephesians 6:10-12

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

¹² **For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**



Ephesians 6:18

¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

¹⁸ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints...

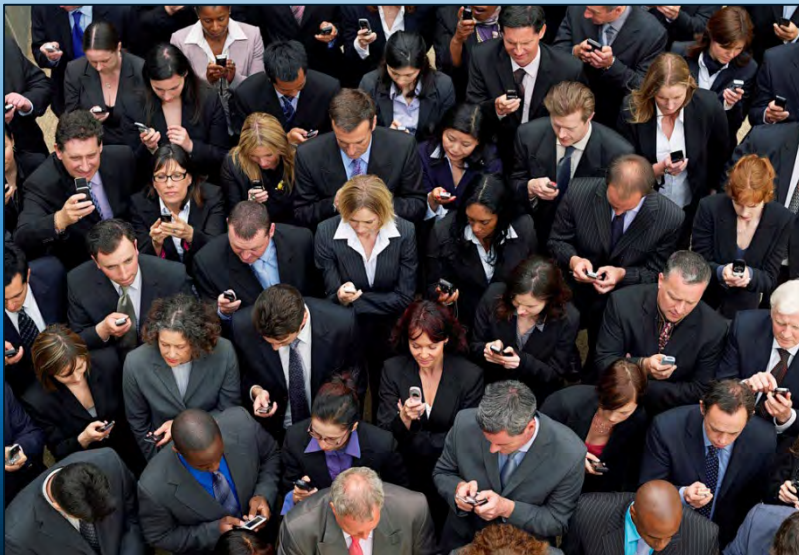


Revelation 8:3-4

³ And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. ⁴ And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.



*The enemy wants us distracted
and left to our own devices...*



A distracted Christian will have an ineffective prayer life.

And a Christian with an ineffective prayer life, is an ineffective Christian.

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“It’s been found that 12 minutes of daily focused prayer, over an eight week period, can change the brain to such an extent that it can be measured on a brain scan.”

- Dr. Caroline Leaf



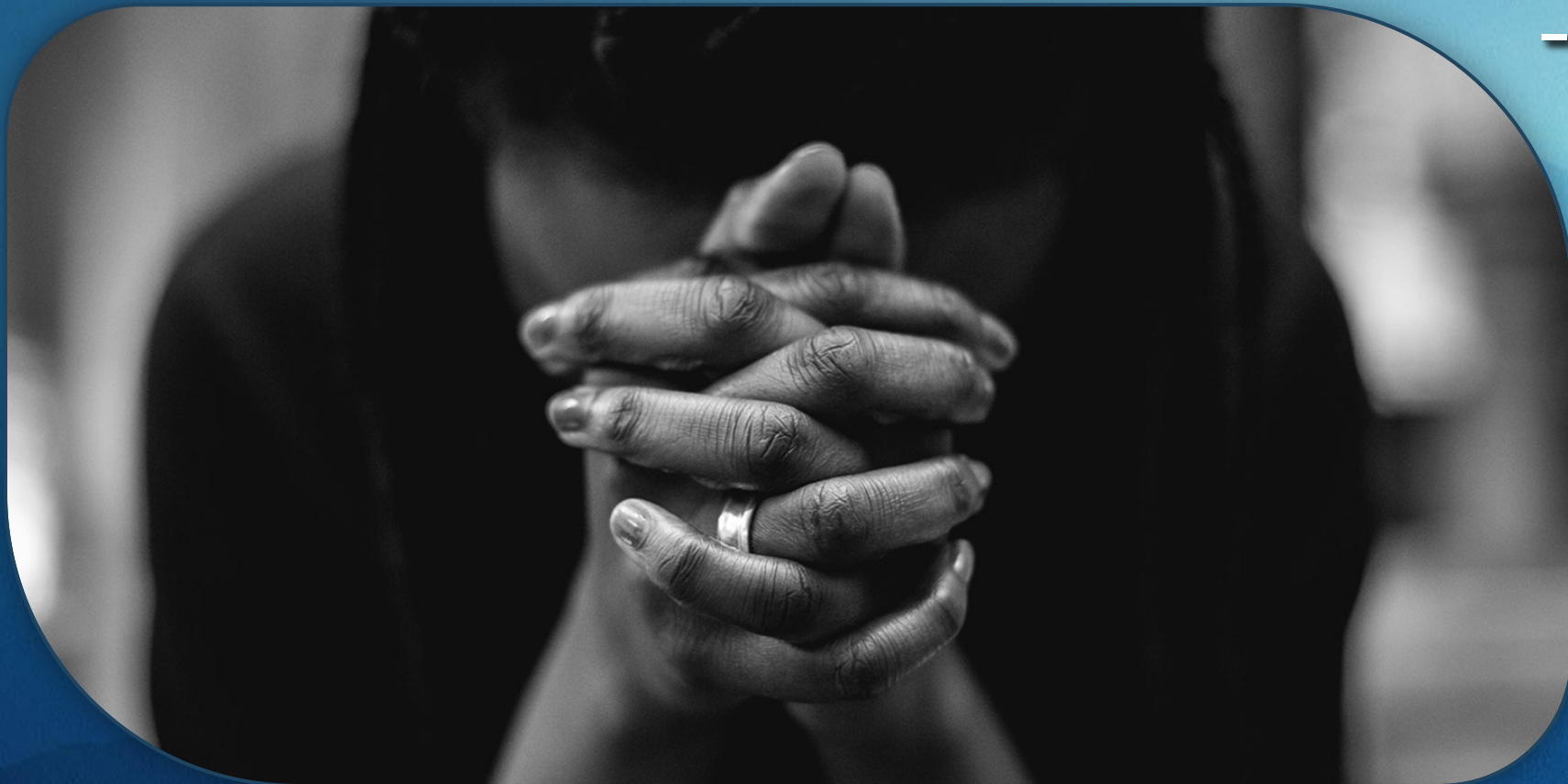
Romans 8:26-27

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: **for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us** with groanings which cannot be uttered.

²⁷ And he that searcheth **the hearts** knoweth what is **the mind** of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints **according to the will of God.**

“If you feel like your prayers are being hindered, then just keep praying, until your prayers start interceding with the will of God.”

– some wise old pastor



**God answers prayer when it
is according to His will!**

Matthew 5:43-44

⁴³ Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and **hate thine enemy.** ⁴⁴ But I say unto you, **Love your enemies**, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you...

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1 Timothy 2:1-4

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; ² For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. ³ For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;
⁴ Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **not willing that any should perish**, but that **all** should come to repentance.

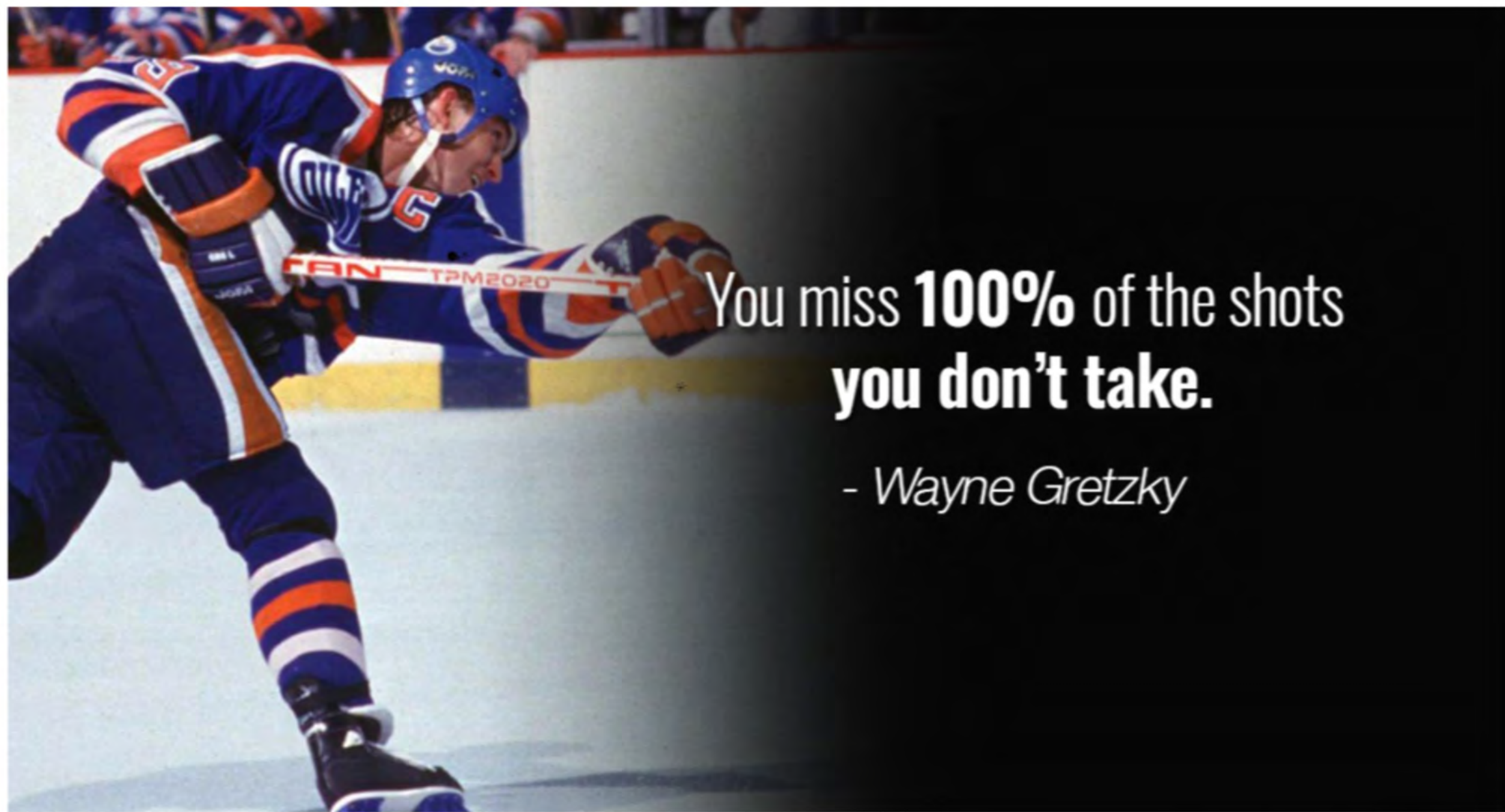


Psalm 5:6

Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing:
the Lord will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.



**Don't be afraid of offending someone if
it warns them of impending doom!**



You miss **100%** of the shots
you don't take.

- *Wayne Gretzky*

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

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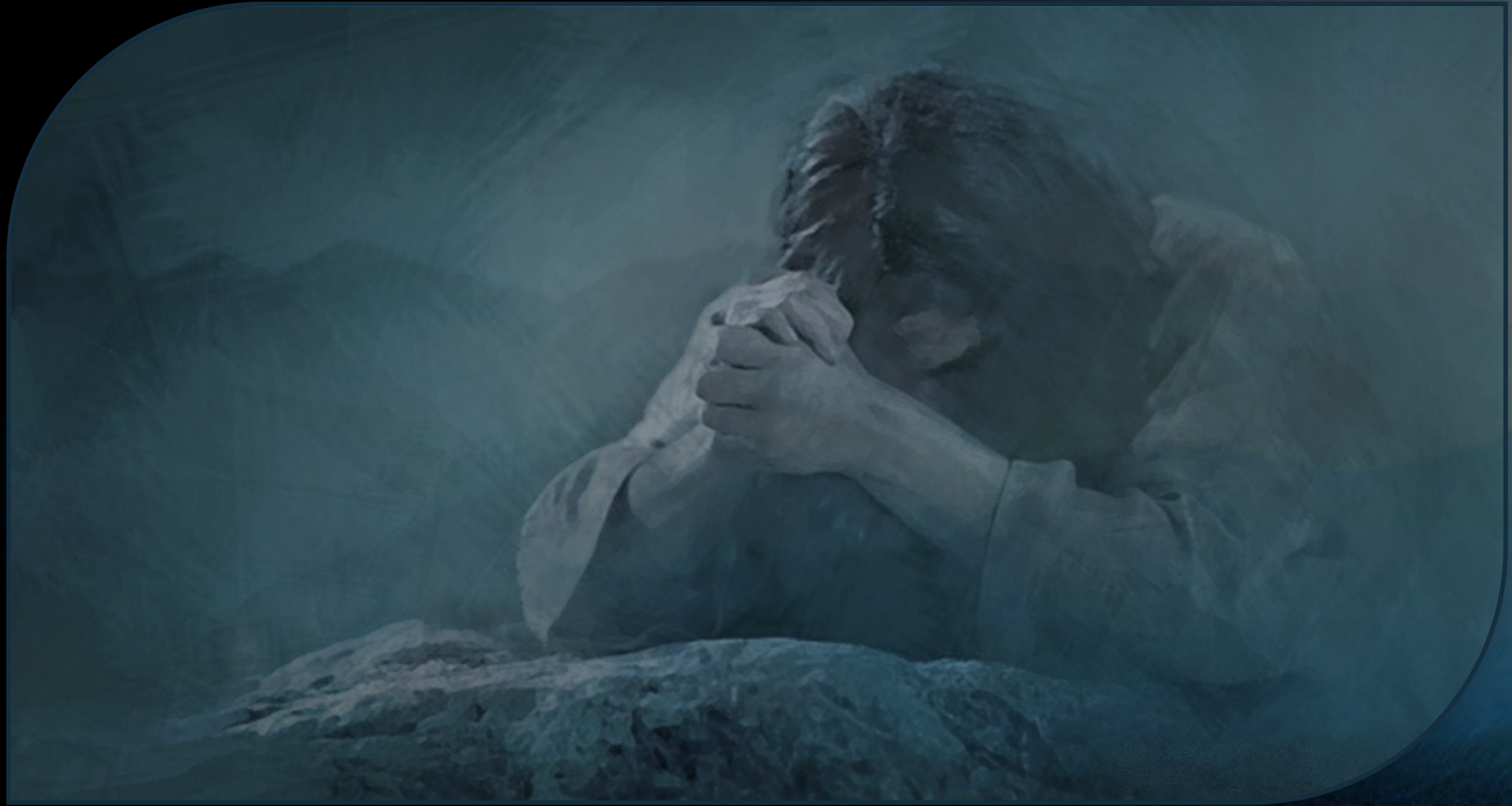
Philippians 4:6-7

⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



**We need to have an
eternal perspective!**



Mark 1:35

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he (*Jesus*) went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.

Psalm 5:7-8

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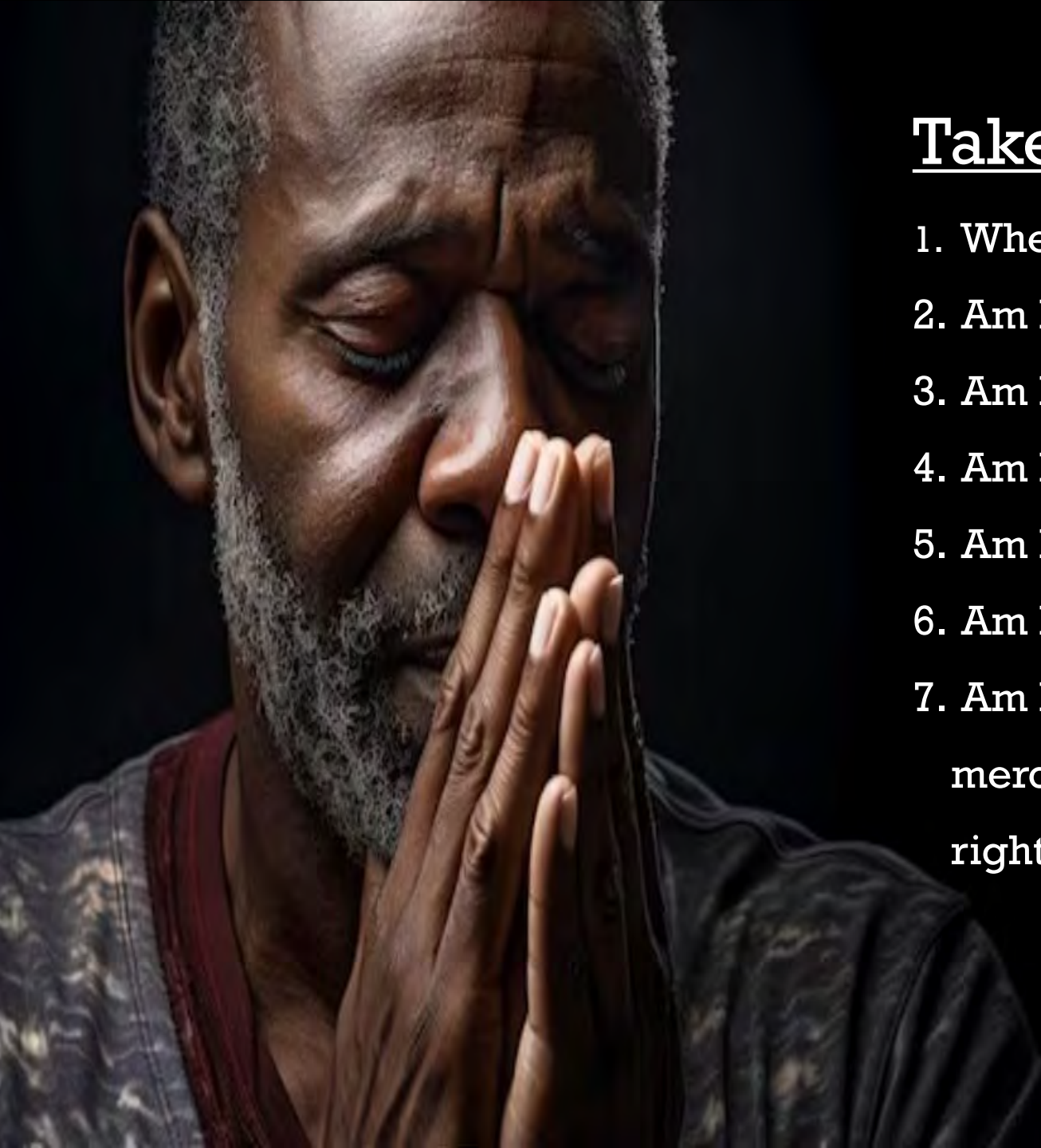
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For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part is very wickedness; their throat is an open sepulchre; they flatter with their tongue.



The counsel of the ungodly always
leads away from God...



Take Aways:

1. Where is my focus in prayer?
2. Am I coming full of faith that God will answer?
3. Am I praying according to His will?
4. Am I praying diligently for the lost in my life?
5. Am I giving thanks in ALL things?
6. Am I making quality time to meet with the Lord?
7. Am I faithfully coming in the multitude of His mercies, and trusting God to lead me in His righteousness?