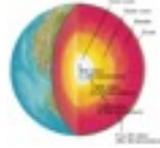


**24 February 2013** – Second Sunday in Lent.

**Readings:** Gen. 15:1–12, 17, 18; Philipp. 3:17 – 4:1; Luke 13:31–35.

**Theme: Core Prayer** - Philippians 3:17, “**Join together** in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.”



**INTRO:** Today is #2 in our series: Prayer-God’s Sacred Ground. Last week we looked at *closet prayer*. Today we look at *Core Prayer*...



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### I. INTIMATE & ACCOUNTABLE.

**Mark 13:3-4**, “As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, **Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately**, “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

**John 13:21-25**, “After he had said this, Jesus was troubled in spirit and testified, “Very truly I tell you, one of you is going to betray me.” His disciples stared at one another, at a loss to know which of them he meant. One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. **Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, “Ask him which one he means.”** **Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?”**



**Accountability** – Jesus taught mutual accountability. **Luke 16:2**, “So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? **Give an account** of your management...’” Each of us need to learn this.

**PK sample questions:** Are you spending time alone with God? Is your thought life pure? Are you misusing your power? Are you walking in total obedience to God? Have you lied about any of the previous questions? Cf. **“How are you doing?”**



## II. TRANSFORMING & MISSIONAL.

**Mark 9:2**, “After six days Jesus took **Peter, James and John** with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There **he was transfigured before them.**”

**2 Cor. 3:18**, “And **we all**, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, **are being transformed** into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

A bit of my journey: Mentoring from Gunar/John to Danny/Peter. From “bad company ruins good morals” to what I’m sharing now.



**Mark 6:7**, “Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out **two by two** and gave them authority over impure spirits.”

**Philippians 1:1**, “**Paul and Timothy**, servants of Christ Jesus, To all God’s holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, **together with the overseers and deacons.**”



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## III. ENCOURAGING & SUPPORTIVE.

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**, “**Two are better than one**, because they have a good return for their labour: If either of them falls down, one can help

the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. **A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.**”

**Exodus 17:10-13**, “So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning. When Moses’ hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. **Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.**”

**Mark 14:33-34**, “He took **Peter, James and John** along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. **“Stay here and keep watch.”**”



**CONCLUSION:** When Jesus went up on the hill called Calvary he also was not alone. Out of two criminals, He mentored one of them. He also had the trinity there. Ultimately God is a core group Himself: Father-Son-Holy Spirit. They are intimate and accountable, transforming and missional, mutually supportive and encouraging. So may we learn to be & do the same, In Jesus’ name. Pastor Aldi 😊