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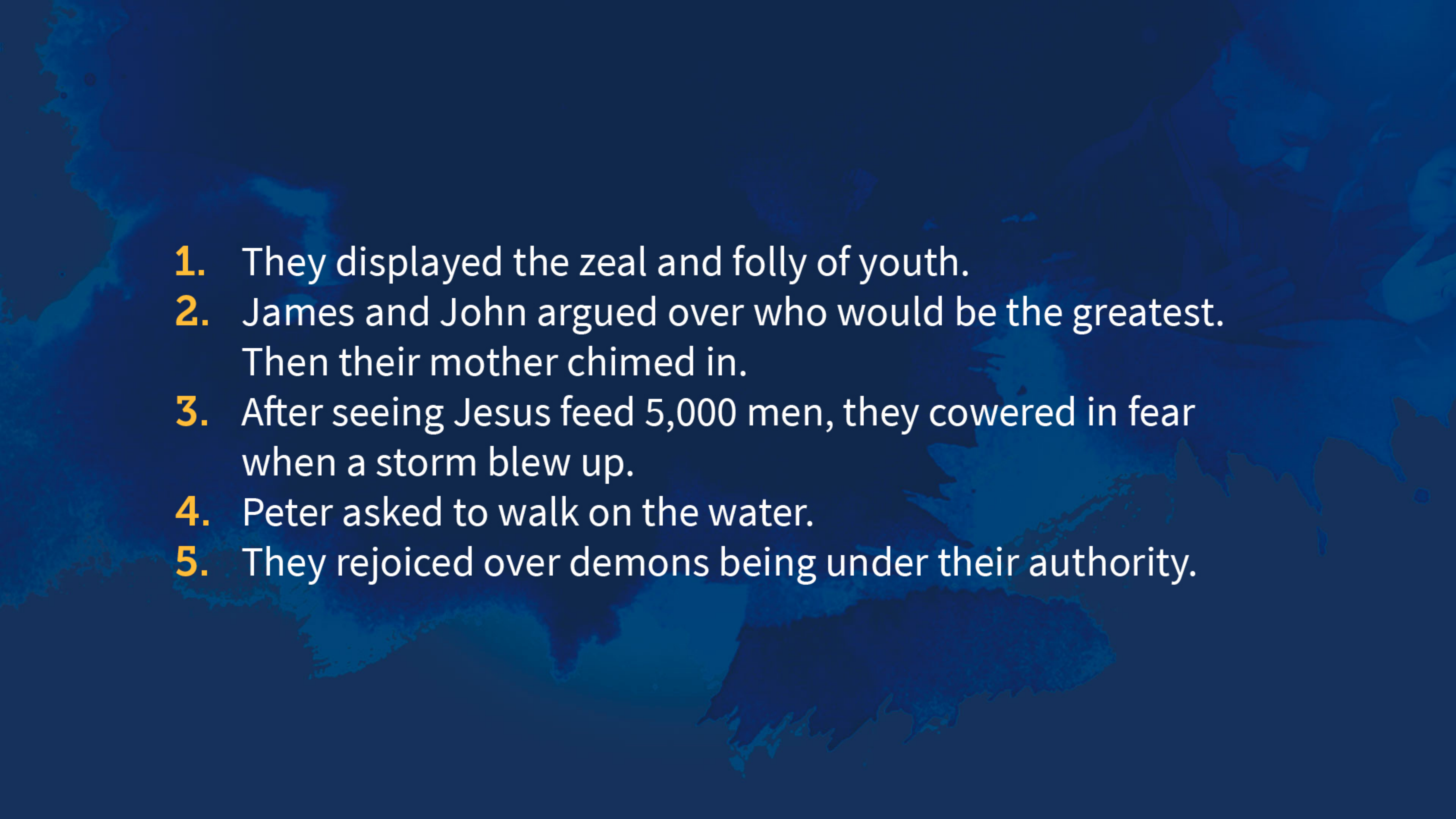
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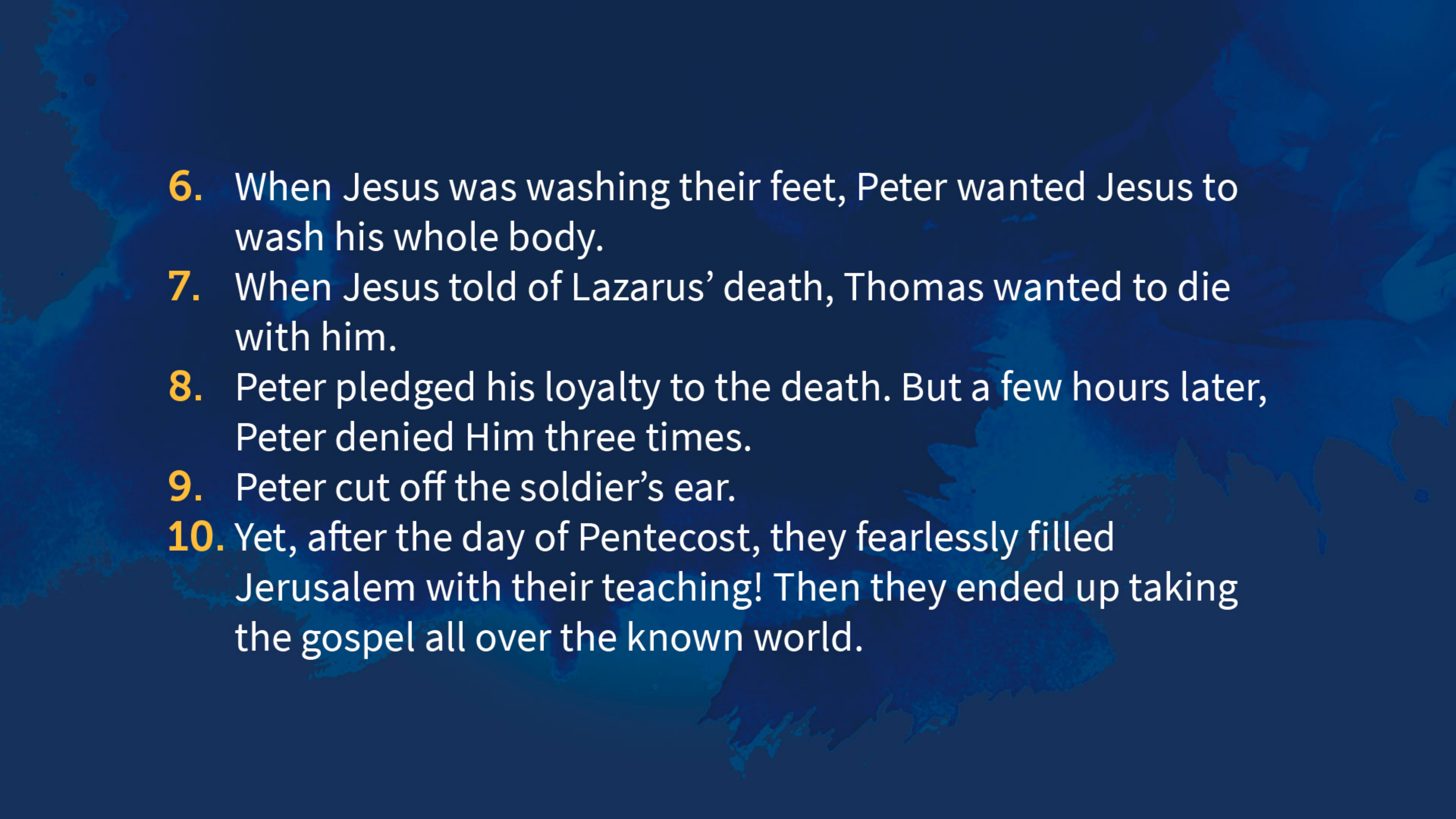
1. The temple tax: Only Jesus and Peter were old enough to pay the temple tax.
2. Jesus called them the “little ones.”
3. All but Peter were unmarried.
4. The education system of Israel at the time of Jesus reveals that they were between the age of 15-18, except Peter

A group of teenagers are sitting on the floor, looking at a smartphone together. The image is overlaid with a dark blue, textured background that covers the entire frame. The teenagers are in the upper right corner, and their faces are partially visible as they look at the phone.

**Q: Why did the disciples often
act like teenagers?**

A: Because they were teenagers!

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1. They displayed the zeal and folly of youth.
 2. James and John argued over who would be the greatest. Then their mother chimed in.
 3. After seeing Jesus feed 5,000 men, they cowered in fear when a storm blew up.
 4. Peter asked to walk on the water.
 5. They rejoiced over demons being under their authority.

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- A faint, artistic background image showing Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. The scene is set in a room with stone walls and a wooden floor. Jesus is on the right, leaning over, washing the foot of a disciple on the left. Other disciples are visible in the background, some sitting and some standing. The overall tone is solemn and reverent.
6. When Jesus was washing their feet, Peter wanted Jesus to wash his whole body.
 7. When Jesus told of Lazarus' death, Thomas wanted to die with him.
 8. Peter pledged his loyalty to the death. But a few hours later, Peter denied Him three times.
 9. Peter cut off the soldier's ear.
 10. Yet, after the day of Pentecost, they fearlessly filled Jerusalem with their teaching! Then they ended up taking the gospel all over the known world.

A background image showing a group of people, mostly women, with their hands clasped in prayer. The image is dark and has a blue tint, with the text overlaid in a lighter color.

**If we want to see the results Jesus had,
we ought to do what Jesus did.**

Father in heaven, please:

- Help me prioritize the time to invest in high potential students and young adults.
- Lead me to 70 hungry hearted people to teach, 12 to train, and three to deeply disciple.
- Help me give them the vision to change the world.
- Help me invite them to pray with me



How Jesus Made Disciples

I: Invitation and Involvement

P: Pray

- He prayed for disciples. Luke 6:12-13
- He prayed for His disciples. John 17:9
- He tells us to pray for disciples. Matthew 9:38

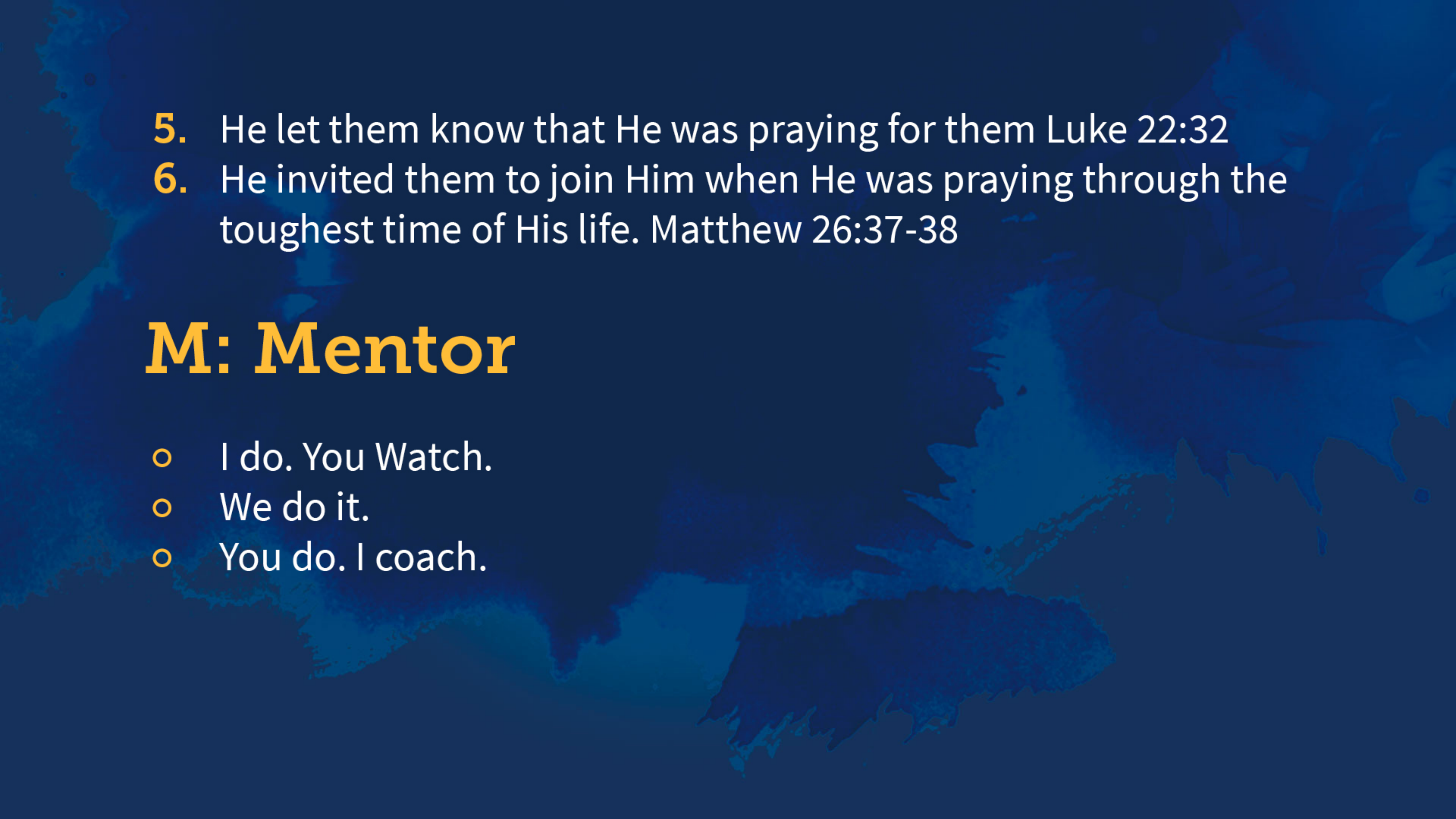
A: Availability, Accessibility and Accountability

C: Contact

E: Example* Mark 1:17 *Follow Me*

*How Jesus Modeled Prayer

1. He had a daily morning prayer practice they knew about. Mark 1:35
2. He taught them about prayer. Luke 11; Luke 18; Matthew 6
3. He would take mini-prayer retreats that they knew about. Luke 5:16; 6:12
4. His prayer life was contagious. Luke 11:1

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5. He let them know that He was praying for them Luke 22:32
 6. He invited them to join Him when He was praying through the toughest time of His life. Matthew 26:37-38

M: Mentor

- I do. You Watch.
- We do it.
- You do. I coach.

Jesus' Disciples caught His passion to pray!

1. After His resurrection, they spent a week in the upper room and temple courts praising and praying leading to the outpouring of the holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. Luke 24:52-53; Acts 1:12-14
2. They built twice daily prayer into the DNA of the first church. Acts 2:42; 3:1; 2:15; 10:9
3. They responded to every challenge with prayer. Acts 4:24

4. When overly busy, they reprioritized prayer. Acts 6:4
5. They taught their people to pray. Acts 12:5

Thanksgiving: *Heavenly Father, I thank You for:*

Praise: *Heavenly Father, You are absolutely above and beyond the best of the best because only you are:*

Confession: *Heavenly Father, I am so sorry for (doing, thinking, saying):*

...and I do not want to do it again.

Supplication: *Heavenly Father, I need:*

Intercession: *Heavenly Father, _____ needs:*

A group of people in a meeting, with a man in a suit pointing at a screen.

Three Things Every Leader Must Do

Moses & The Three Things Every Shepherd Must Do

Exodus 18:14-18 *So when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, "What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit, and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?"*

¹⁵ And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. ¹⁶ When they have a difficulty, they come to me, and I judge between one and another; and I make known the

statutes of God and His laws.”

¹⁷ So Moses' father-in-law said to him, “The thing that you do is not good. ¹⁸ Both you and these people who are with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing is too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself.”

The Three Things Every Shepherd Must Do

Exodus 18:19-23 *Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you: Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God.²⁰ And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do.²¹ Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth,*

*hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.
22 And let them judge the people at all times.*

- Pray. 18:19
- Teach. 18:20
- Train layers of leaders. 18:21-22

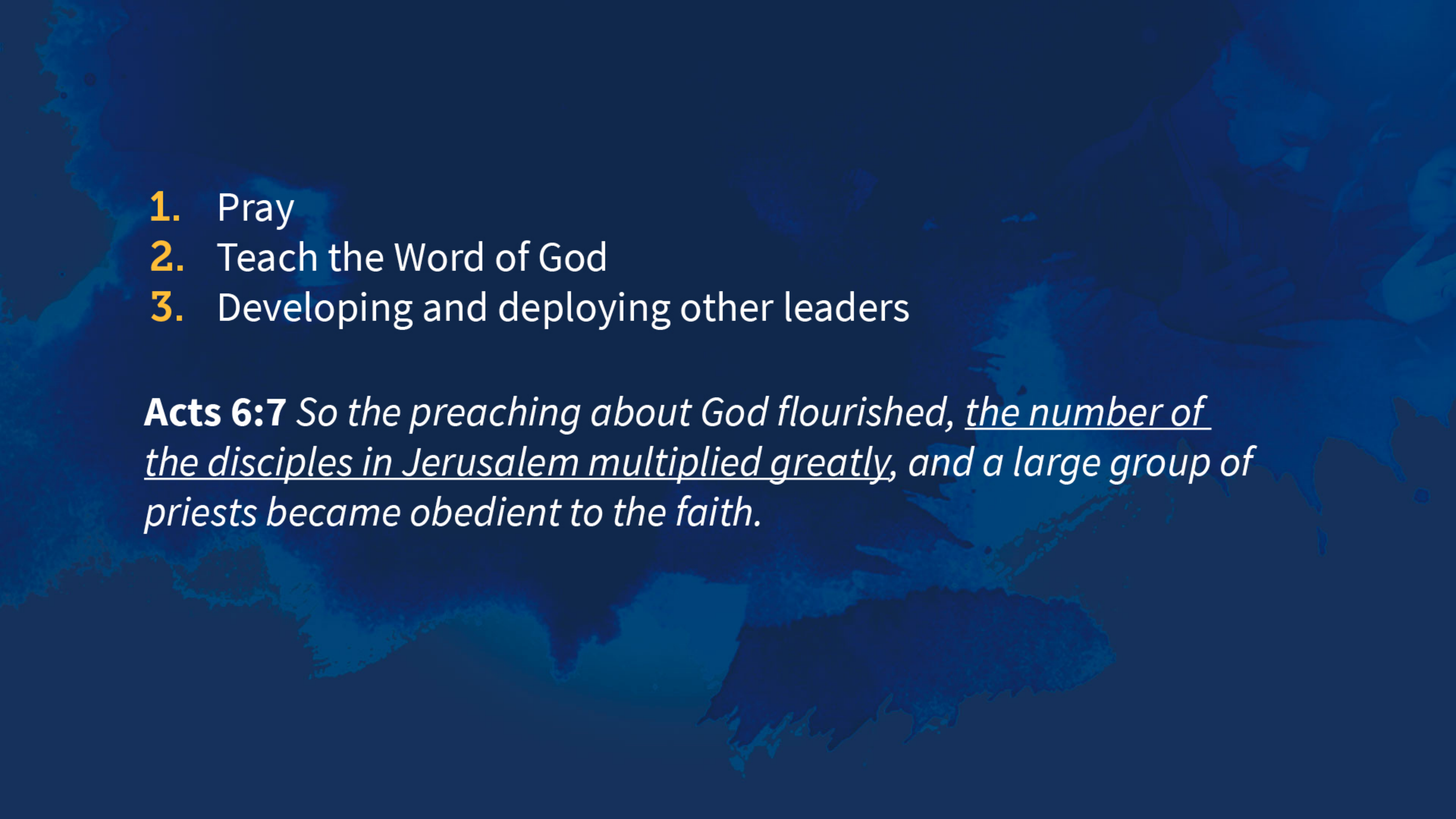
Exodus 18:23 *If you do this thing, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all this people will also go to their place in peace.”*

Jesus & The Three Things Every Pastor Must Do

- Pray (15x in Gospels)
- Teach the Word (His fulltime job)
- Multiply leaders (the 12 and the 70).

The Apostles & The Three Things Every Pastor Must Do

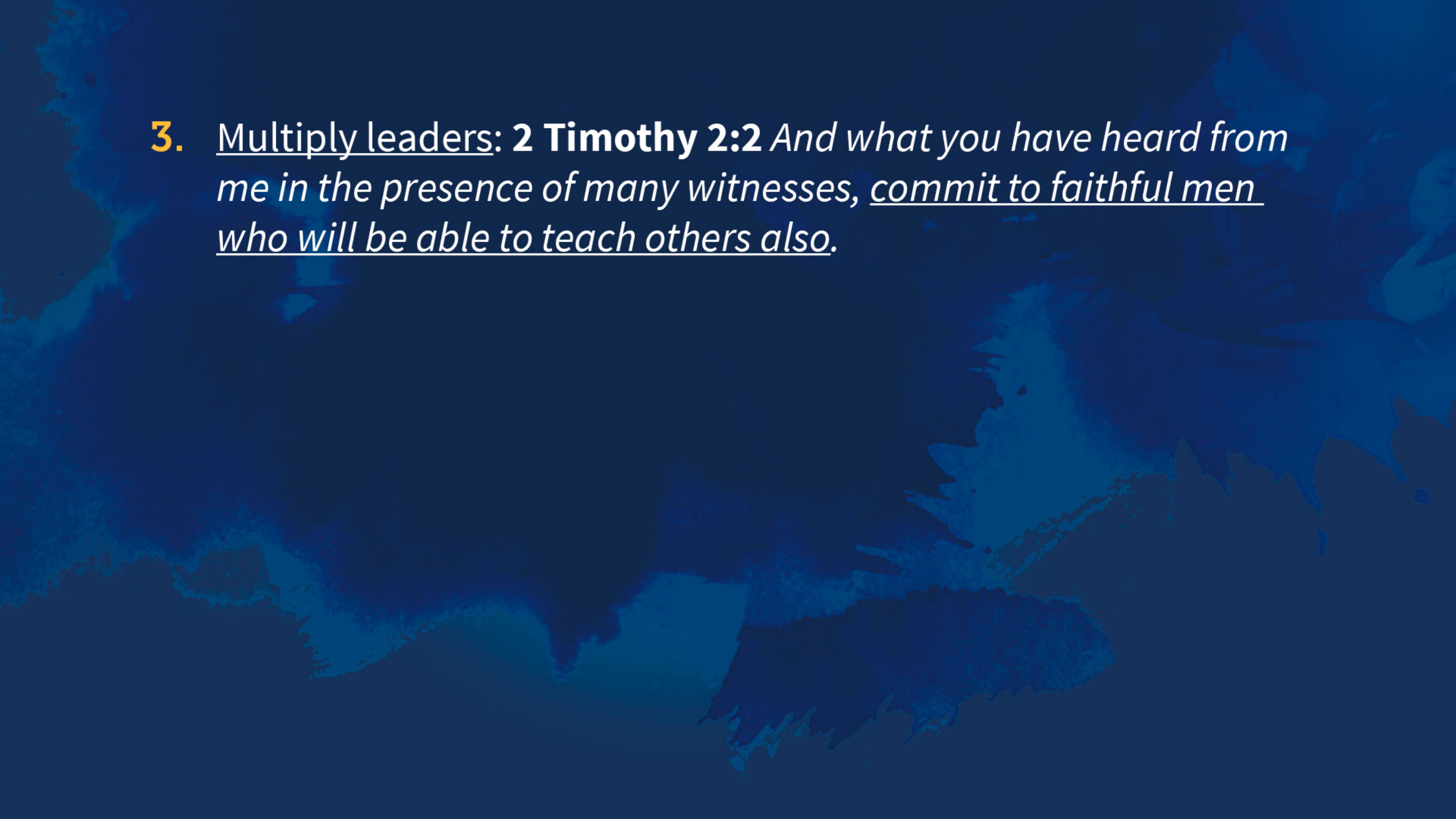
Acts 6:2-4 *Then the Twelve summoned the whole company of the disciples and said, “It would not be right for us to give up preaching about God to wait on tables. ³ Therefore, brothers, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and wisdom, whom we can appoint to this duty. ⁴ But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the preaching ministry.”*

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- A background image showing a group of people, including a man in a suit and a woman in a white dress, kneeling in prayer with their hands clasped. The image is overlaid with a dark blue, textured pattern.
1. Pray
 2. Teach the Word of God
 3. Developing and deploying other leaders

Acts 6:7 *So the preaching about God flourished, the number of the disciples in Jerusalem multiplied greatly, and a large group of priests became obedient to the faith.*

Paul & Timothy & The Three Things Every Pastor Must Do


1. Pray: **1 Timothy 2:1** *First of all, then, I urge that **petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings** be made for everyone...*
2. Teach the Word: **2 Timothy 2:15** *“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles “the word of truth””*
2 Timothy 4:2 *“Preach the word”*



3. Multiply leaders: 2 Timothy 2:2 *And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, commit to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

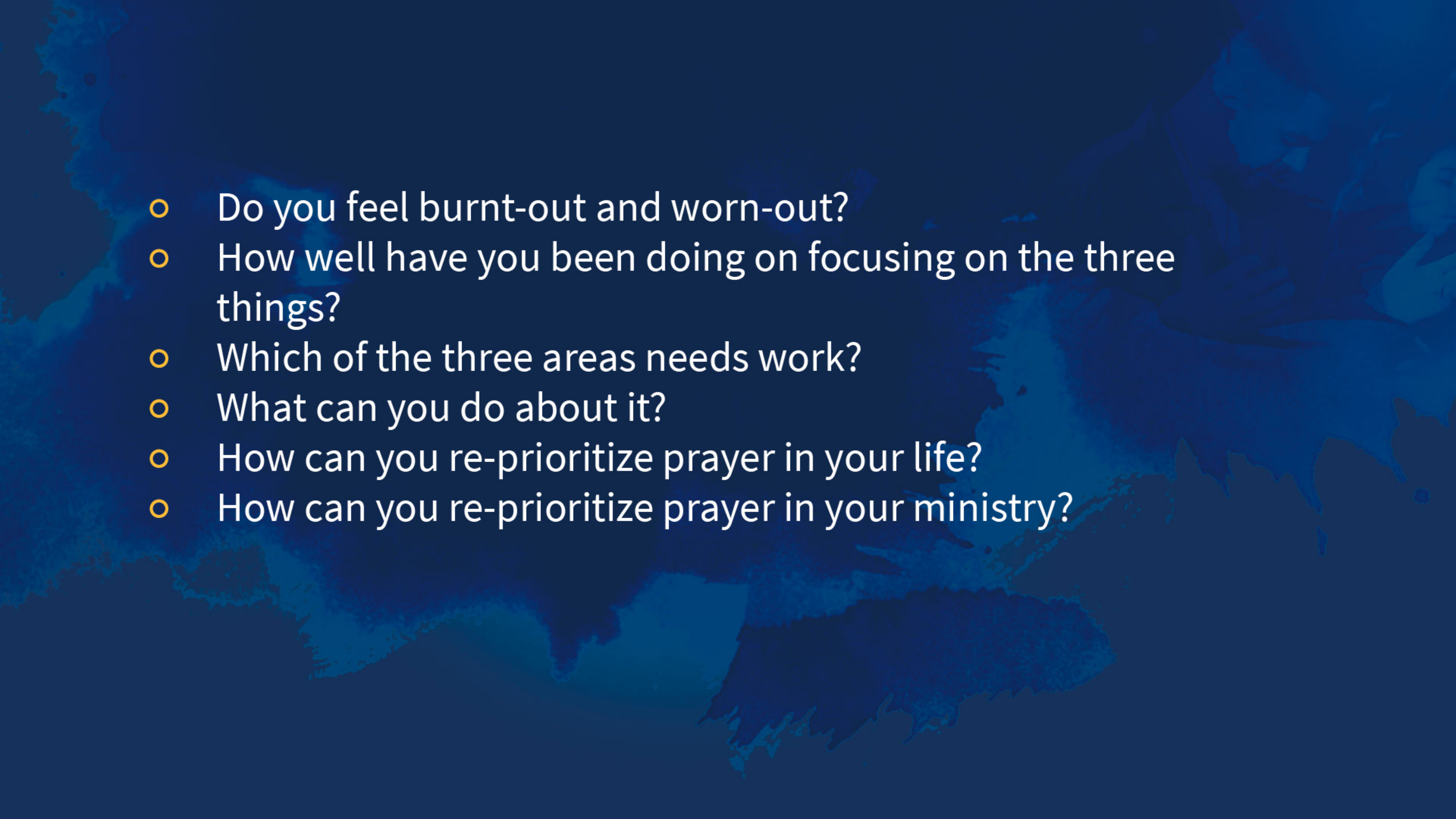
Church Health & The Three Things Every Pastor Must Do

Ephesians 4:11-12, 16 *He gave... some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ ... from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

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- Pastors equip saints
 - Saints do the ministry
 - The ministry grows in quality and quantity

How to Equip Saints

1. Pray. *Hebrews 13:20-21*
2. Teach and Preach the Word. *2 Timothy 3:16-4:2*
3. Make Disciples. *Luke 6:40*

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- A background image showing a group of people, likely a church congregation, in a state of prayer. They are kneeling or sitting on the floor, with their hands clasped in front of them. The image is heavily filtered with a dark blue color, making the details somewhat obscured but the overall posture of prayer is clear.
- Do you feel burnt-out and worn-out?
 - How well have you been doing on focusing on the three things?
 - Which of the three areas needs work?
 - What can you do about it?
 - How can you re-prioritize prayer in your life?
 - How can you re-prioritize prayer in your ministry?

A group of people, including men and women of various ages, are shown in a prayerful posture. They are all looking down with their hands clasped together in front of them. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter, which makes the colors appear muted and gives it a spiritual or contemplative feel. The text is centered over the image.

A Prayer-Powered Ministry

Do you believe God can do things...

- Bigger than you can?
- Better than you can?
- Faster than you can?

A background image showing a group of people, including a man in a suit and a woman, kneeling in prayer. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is centered in the middle of the image.

Prayer is the Common Denominator of High-impact Leaders

A photograph of a group of people, including men and women, kneeling in prayer on a light-colored floor. They are all looking down with their hands clasped in front of them. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text "Prayer is the Key to Effective Ministry" is centered over the image in a bold, orange-yellow font.

Prayer is the Key to Effective Ministry

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**Prioritize Prayer in Order
to Maximize Impact**

A photograph of a group of people, including men and women, kneeling in prayer. They are in a dimly lit room, possibly a church, with their hands clasped in front of them. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is centered on the left side of the image.

Prayer is the Under-utilized Weapon in Ministry

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Prayer Multiplies Time and Impact

We are too busy not to pray.

- Is prayer a very high priority in your life?
- How does your schedule reflect that?
- Is prayer a very high priority in your ministry?
- How does your church calendar reflect that?



How to Prioritize Prayer In Your Ministry

A photograph of a group of people, including men and women, kneeling in prayer on a wooden floor. They are wearing blue and white clothing. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter. The text is centered on the left side of the image.

Prioritize Prayer on Your Ministry and Events Calendar

A group of diverse children are sitting on a light-colored wooden floor, gathered around a large open book. They are all looking at the book with interest. The children are of various ethnicities and ages, ranging from young children to teenagers. The scene is brightly lit, and the overall atmosphere is one of collaborative learning and discovery.

Prioritize Prayer in Teaching Calendar

A woman with dark hair is sitting on the floor, reading a book to two young children. The children, a boy and a girl, are sitting next to her, looking at the book. The woman is wearing a dark jacket and the children are wearing light-colored clothing. The background is a soft, out-of-focus indoor setting.

Set the Example

The Secret Life of Pastors

- One survey said the average pastor prays only seven minutes a day!
- Another said that 80% of pastors surveyed spend less than 15 minutes a day in prayer.
- The most generous survey said that pastors pray all of 37 minutes a day.
- In China the average pastor prays 120 minutes a day. - Stuart Robinson

In the early 1970s, there were an estimated 3 million Christians in China. Now, the number may be as high as 130 million.

A family of four is shown in a dimly lit room, sitting on the floor and looking at a book together. The father is on the left, the mother is in the center, and two children are on the right. The scene is overlaid with a dark blue, textured background.

Suggestion for More Effective Personal Prayer

1. Have a Set Time
2. Have a Set Place
3. Have a Set Plan
4. Use a Journal to Record Requests and Answers

A Small Town House of Prayer:

Dee Duke

1. Spend one uninterrupted hour per day praying by himself.
2. Spend one hour per day praying with a partner.
3. Pray for everyone in the church by name weekly.
4. Pray at least once a month with other pastors.
5. Preach on prayer for three months.
6. Plan at least four major church prayer events each year (always to precede a major evangelistic thrust).
7. Identify the church's "farm" (twenty miles in every direction from the church), claim it, and target prayer for it.¹³

A group of people, including men and women of various ages, are shown in a prayerful posture. They are kneeling or sitting on the floor, with their hands clasped together in front of them. The image is dimly lit, with a strong blue color cast over the entire scene, creating a solemn and spiritual atmosphere. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

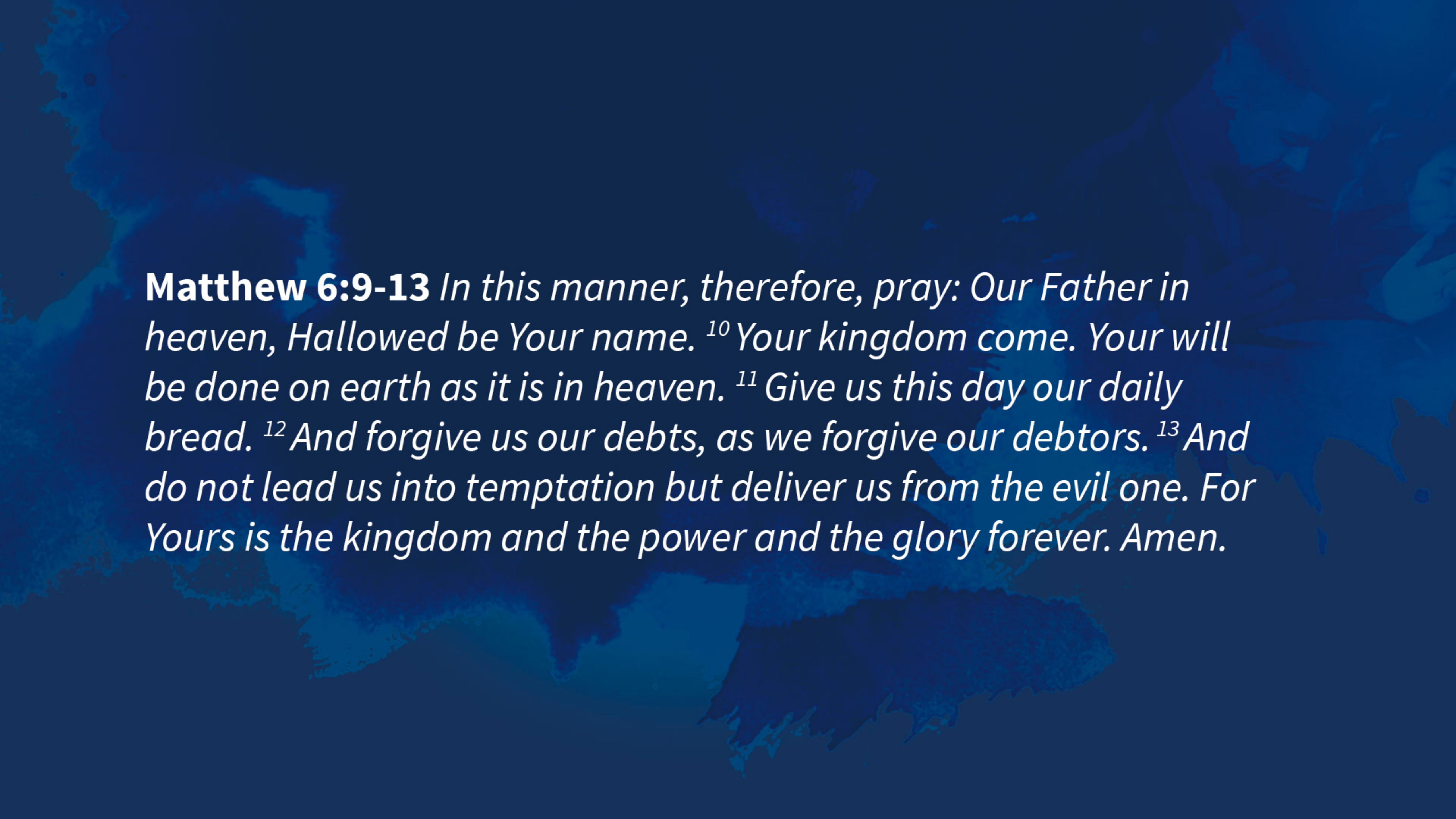
**How do you need to re-arrange your
personal and/or ministry calendar to
reflect a higher commitment to prayer?**

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**What are some goals you will set for
prayer for yourself and your ministry?**

A photograph of a family of four—two adults and two children—praying together in a living room. They are all kneeling on a light-colored rug, with their hands clasped in prayer. The father is on the left, the mother on the right, and two young children are in the center. The room has a blue wall and a fireplace mantel in the background. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

Praying with Jesus


A group of people, including men and women of various ages, are shown in a state of prayer. They are all looking down with their hands clasped together in front of them. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter, which makes the text stand out. The background is slightly out of focus, emphasizing the collective act of prayer.

Matthew 6:9-13 *In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. ¹⁰Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹Give us this day our daily bread. ¹²And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. ¹³And do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*



**Adoration: “Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.”**

“Our Father in heaven, I praise you because you are:



**Submission: "Your kingdom come.
Your will be done."**

"Our Father in heaven, I submit my entire life to you.
Specifically, I surrender to You my:



**Petition: "Give us each day
our daily bread."**

"Our Father in heaven:



Confession: "Forgive us our sins."

"Our Father in heaven, please forgive me, forgive us..."