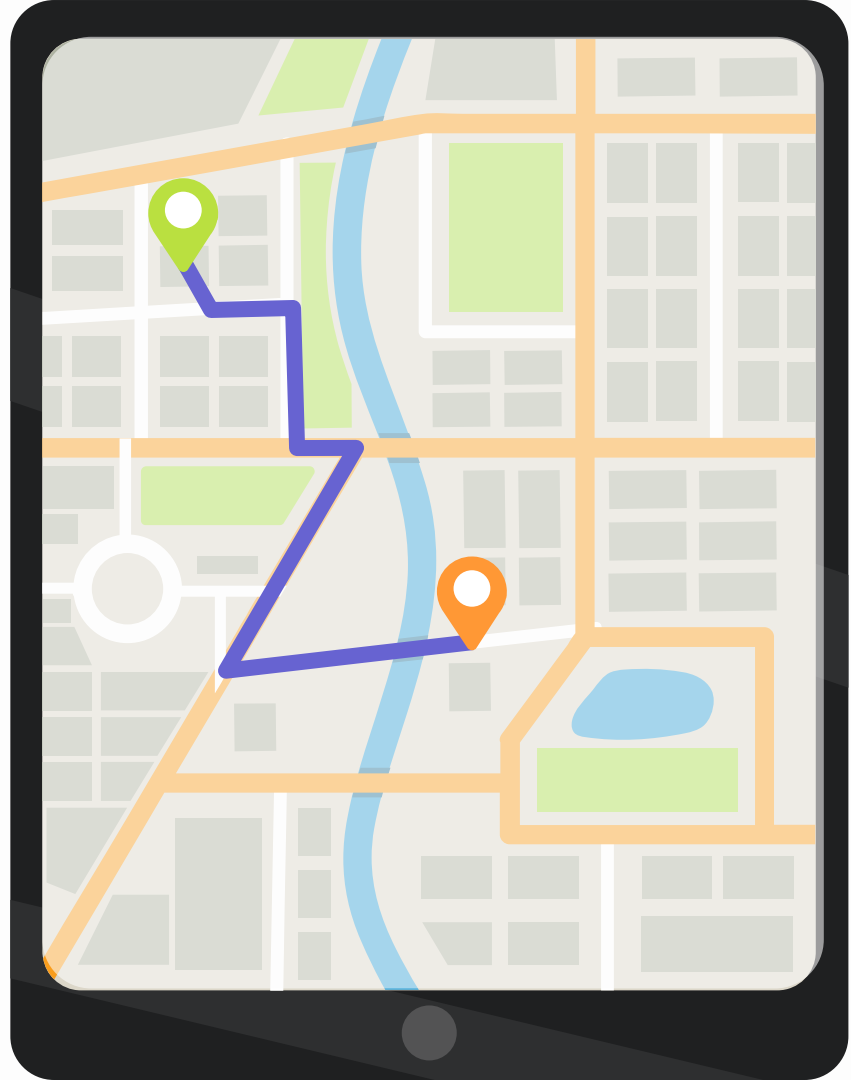


Learning to Pray





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character**

Prayer is...



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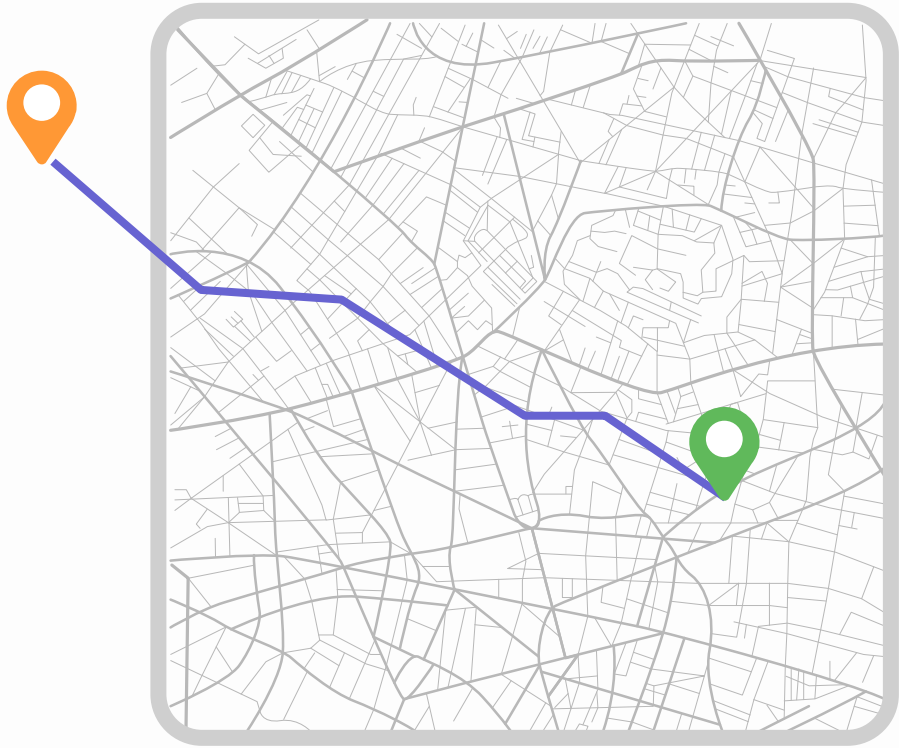
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Jesus praying...is something extraordinary?

**Prayer is God tangible,
connecting us with God.**

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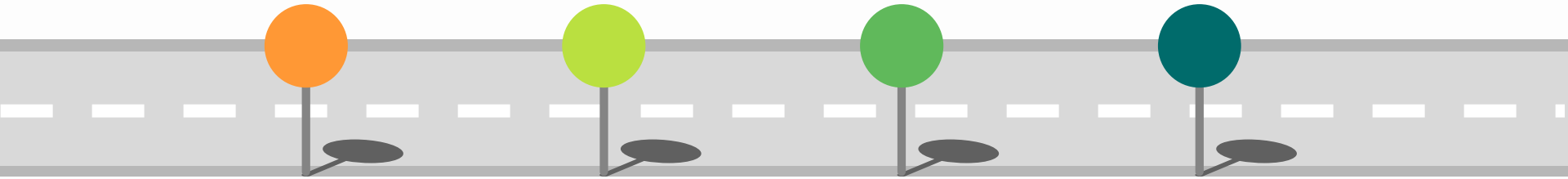




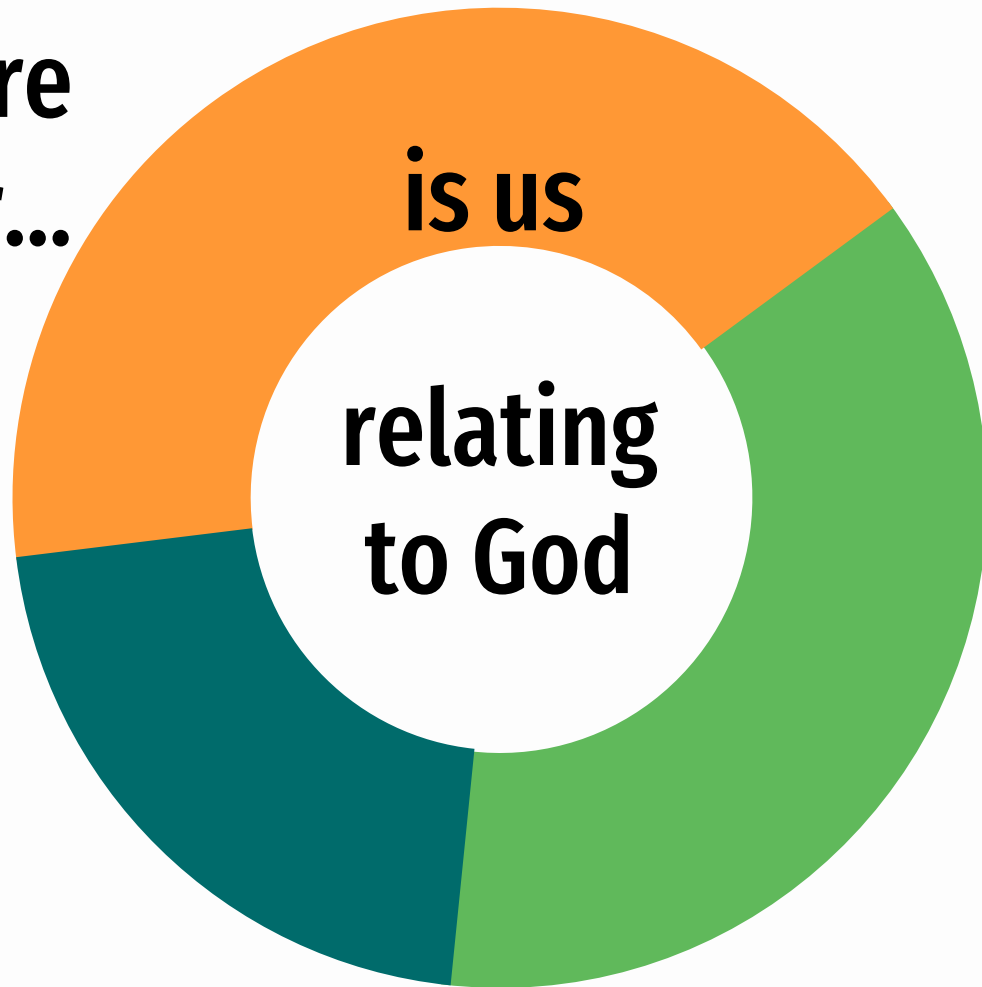
John 17

⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.

**Prayer reminds us that God is tangible,
reaching out to us**



**At the core
of prayer...**



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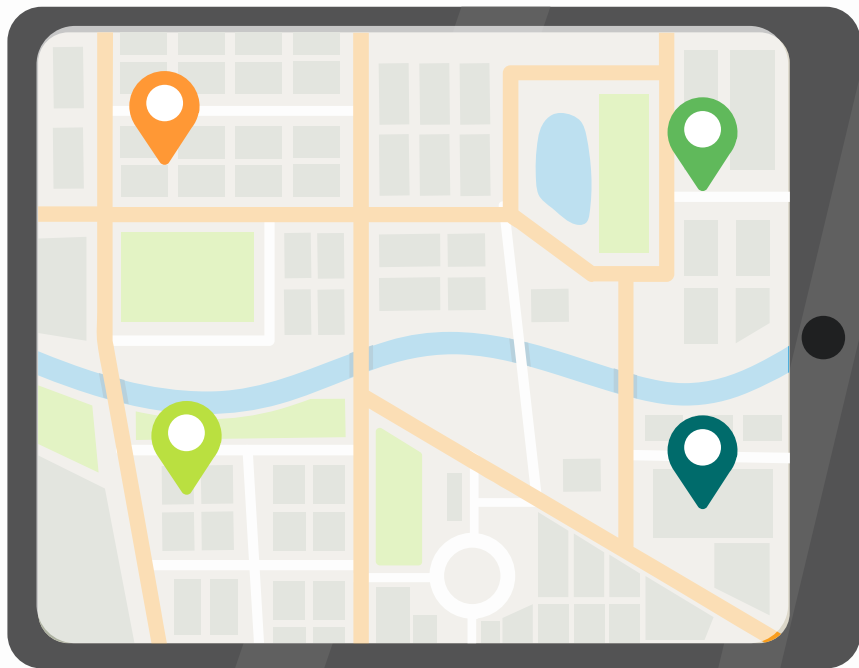
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³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, “**Everyone is looking for you.**”

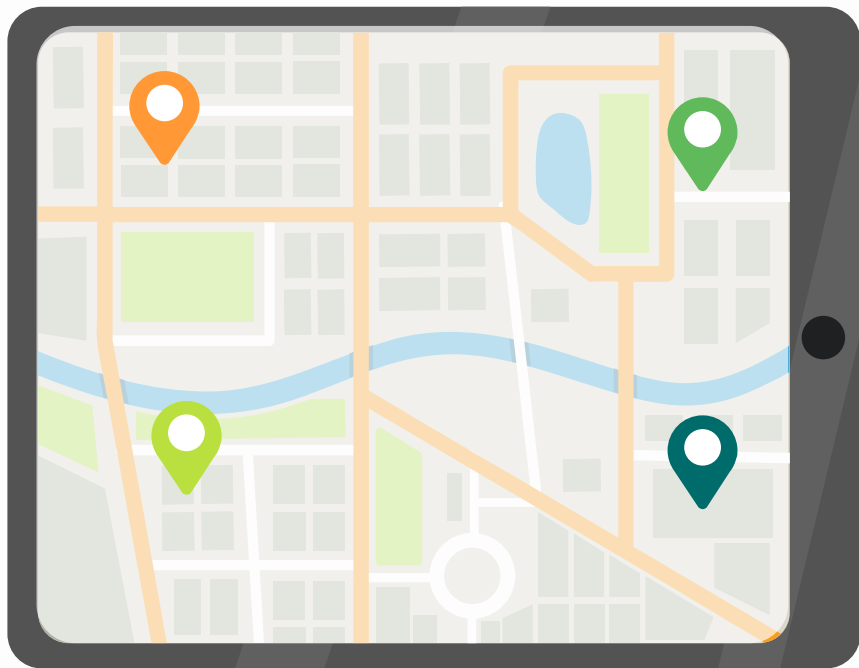


What drove Jesus to prayer,
what drove Him after,
was the **direction**
God wanted Him to take.

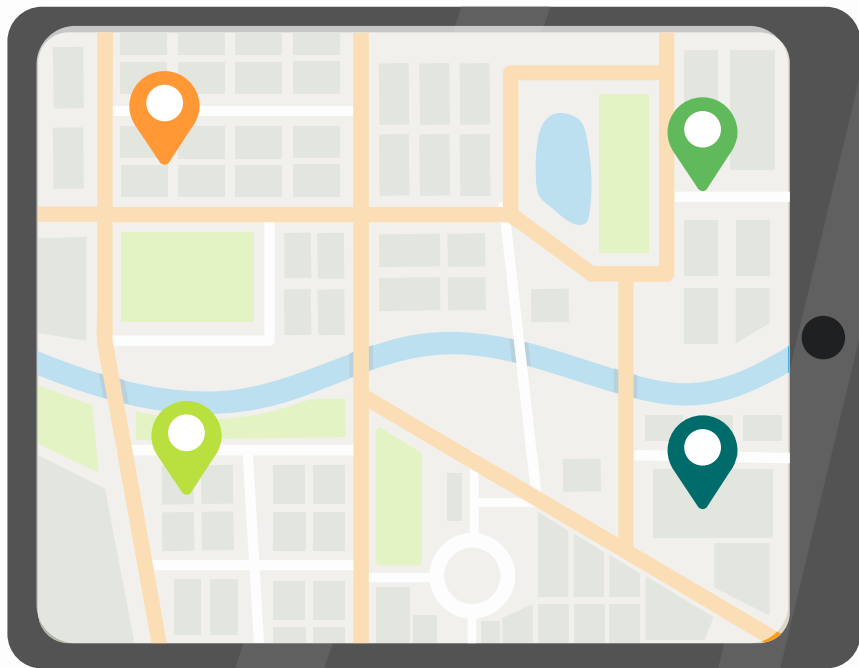
¹² The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.



**How have we
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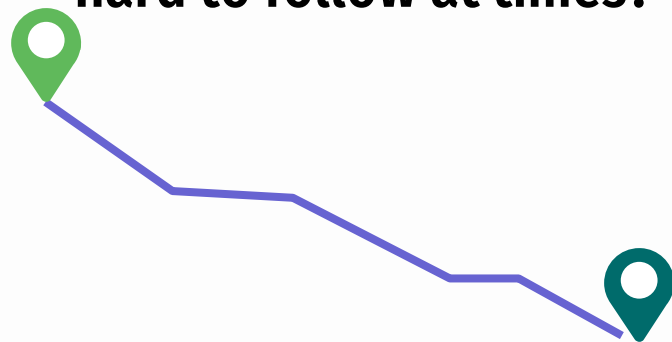


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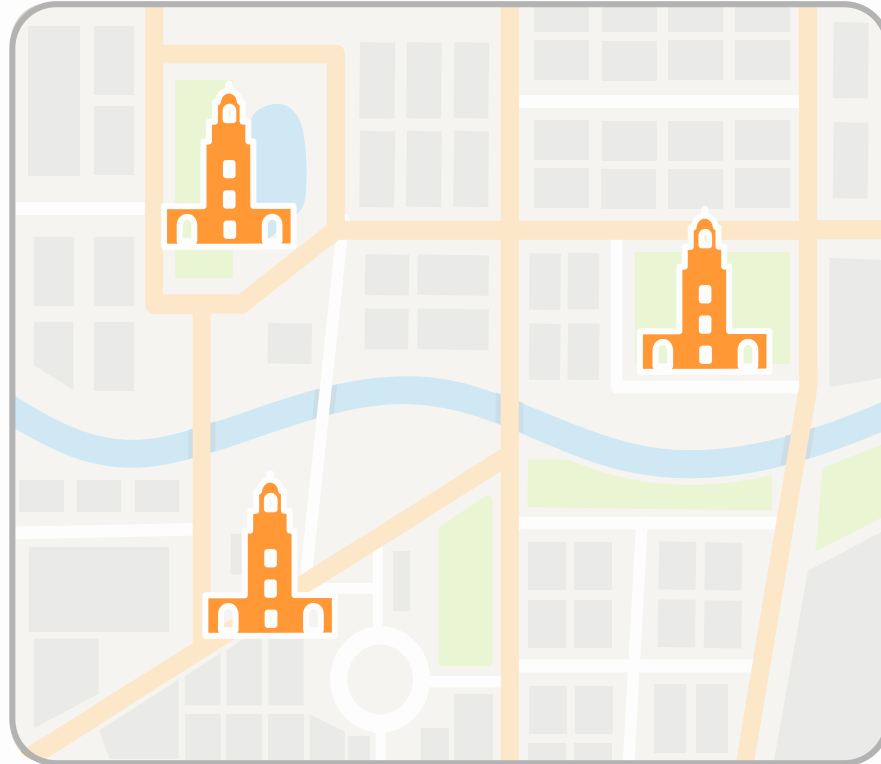
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AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY is a major theme in the gospel of Mark

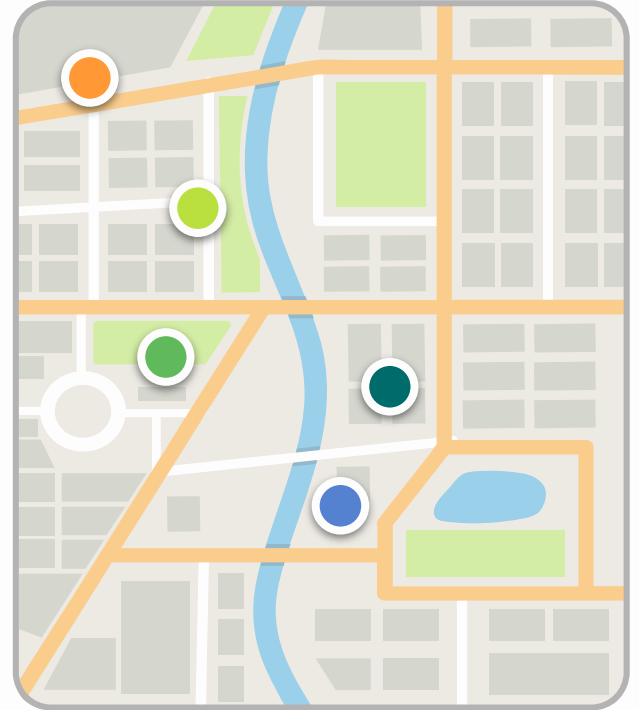




Felicia Chin hopes that sharing uplifting stories at hhm.sg will bring hope to those who are struggling and lost.

“It is too shallow of me to say this ...,” Felicia Chin sheepishly quips, “But I don’t know how to choose my own wardrobe!”

**If we leave the prayer, say
amen, and don't move in
God's direction, then we
have lost its meaning.**



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What's the difference?



What's the difference?



Direction

Timing

Where to go



Mission

Purpose

¹⁰ And after looking around at them all he said to him, “Stretch out your hand.” And he did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹ But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus...

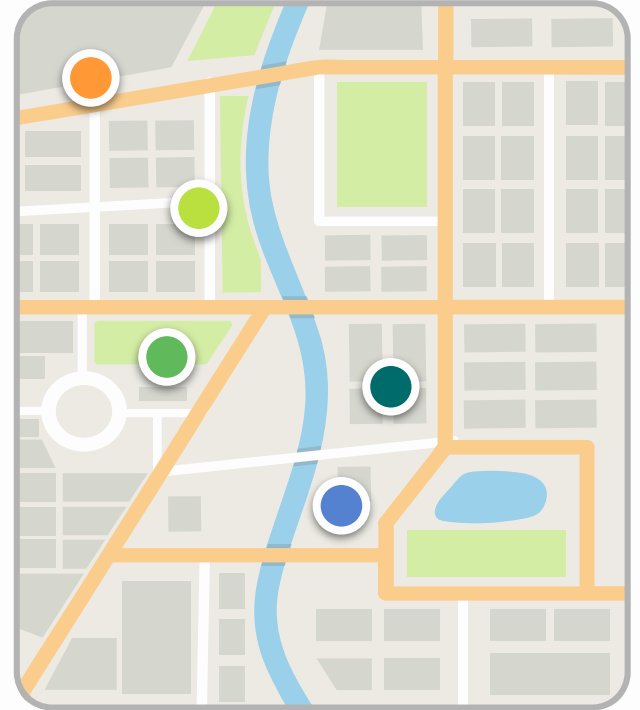
¹⁷ And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

Pattern in Luke 6: 12 - 23 is the same as Mark 1: 29 - 39



¹² In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, **and all night he continued in prayer to God.** ¹³ And when day came, he called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: ¹⁴ Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵ and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶ and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Despite the pain points laid out in front of Him, Jesus chooses to connect to God and stay aligned with the Father's mission.



Pain doesn't have
the final say



Jesus has the
FINAL say



Prayer is...

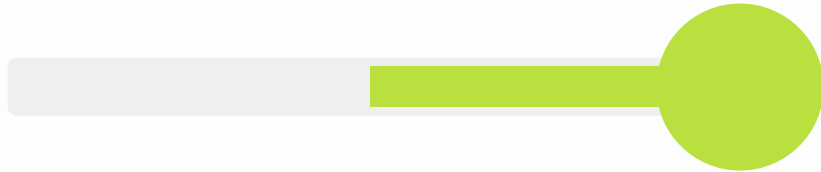


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The Evil One



Does not sleep



Is on the lookout
to devour

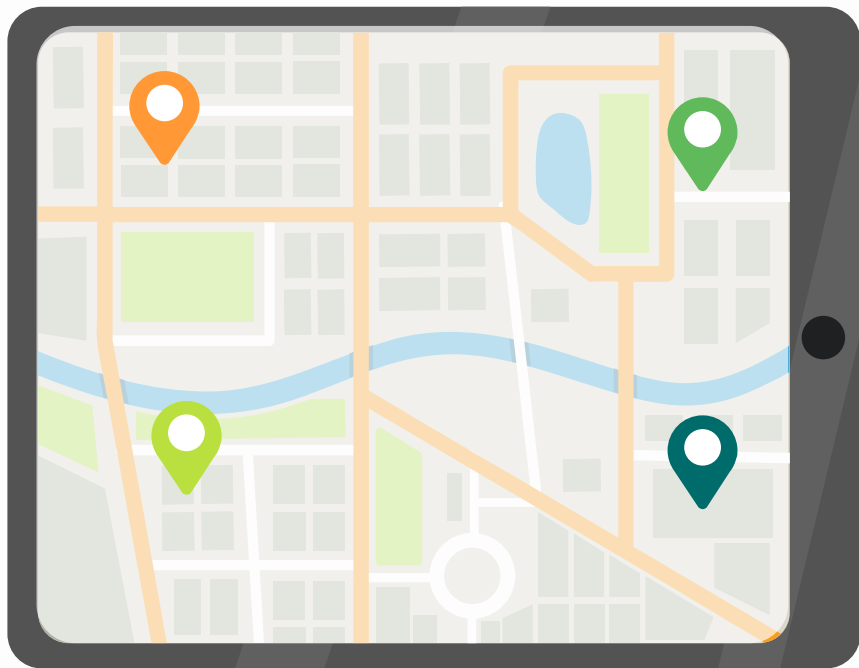


Catches us
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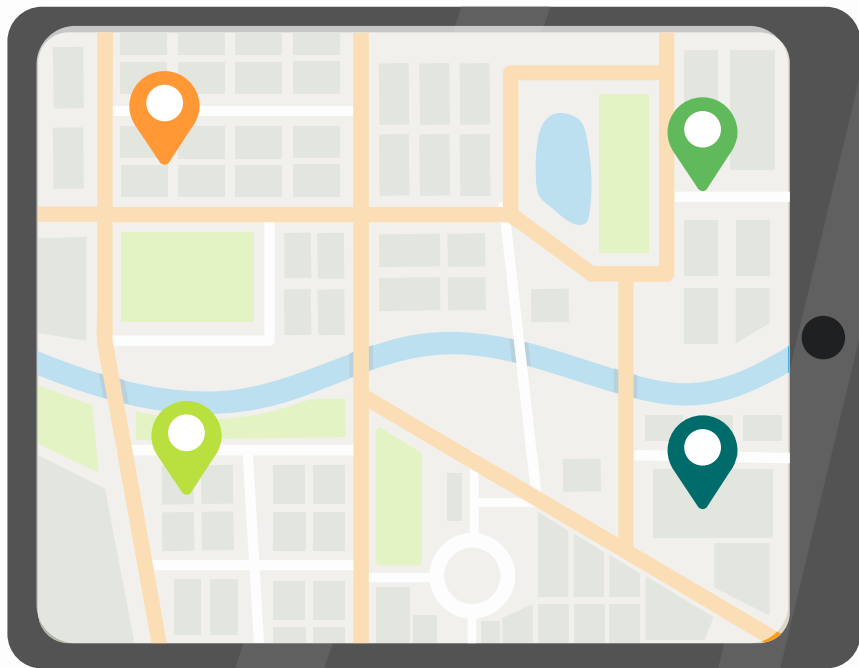
'He (the Devil) is the most diligent preacher of all. He is forever at his plough...You'll never find him idle.'

Thomas Oden





What does a good prayer life look like to you, especially after this sermon?



1. What does a good prayer life look like to you, especially after this sermon?

2. What character of God stands us to you as you often pray?

***"Our pleasure and our duty, Though opposite before;
Since we have seen His beauty, Are joined to part no more:
It is our highest pleasure, No less than duty's call;
To love Him beyond measure, And serve Him with our all."***

John Newton