



Prayer

Luke 18:1-8

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¹Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

²He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. ...



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...³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' ⁴"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, ...



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... ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ...



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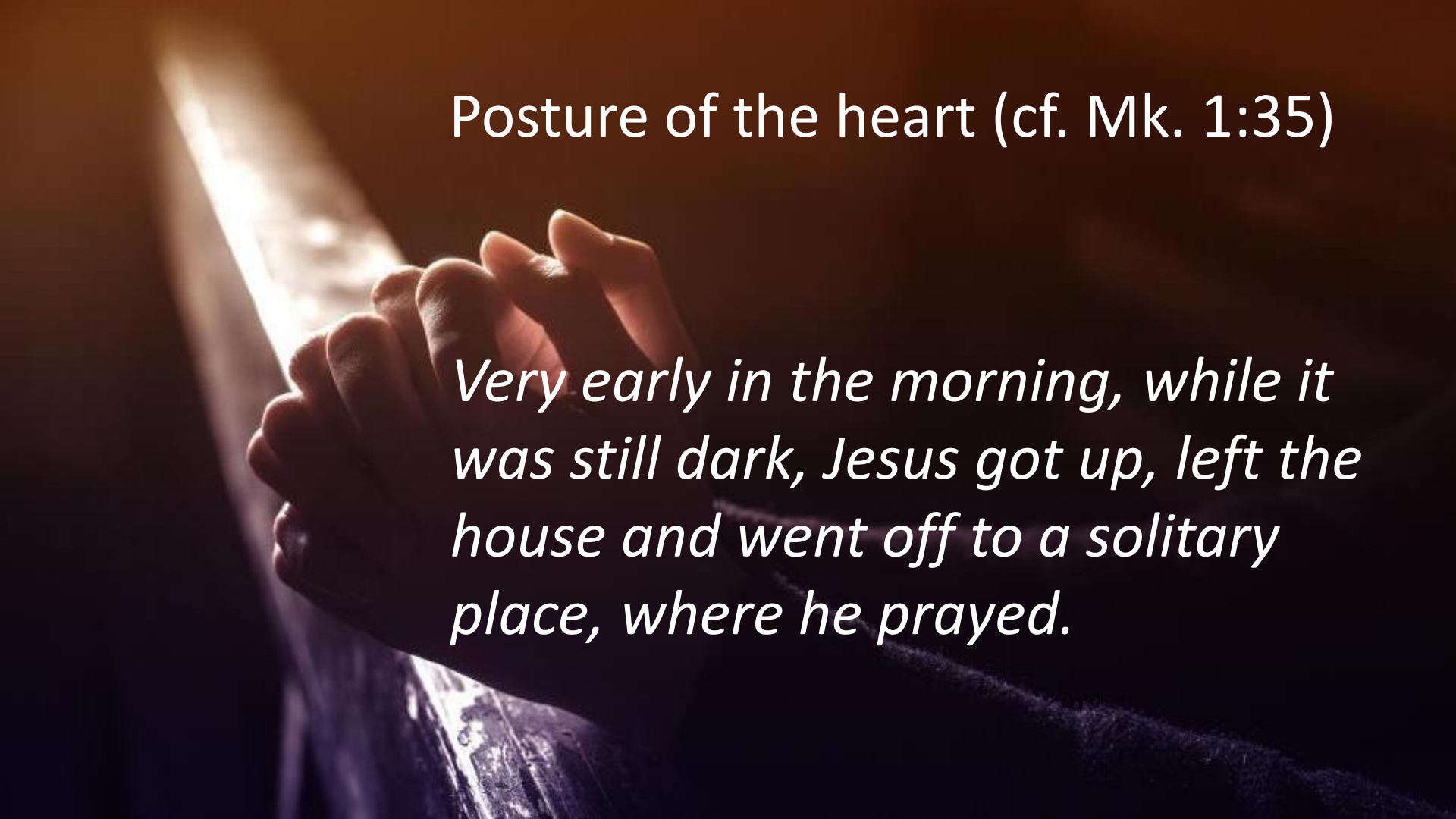
... ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"





The need for faithfulness (v. 1)

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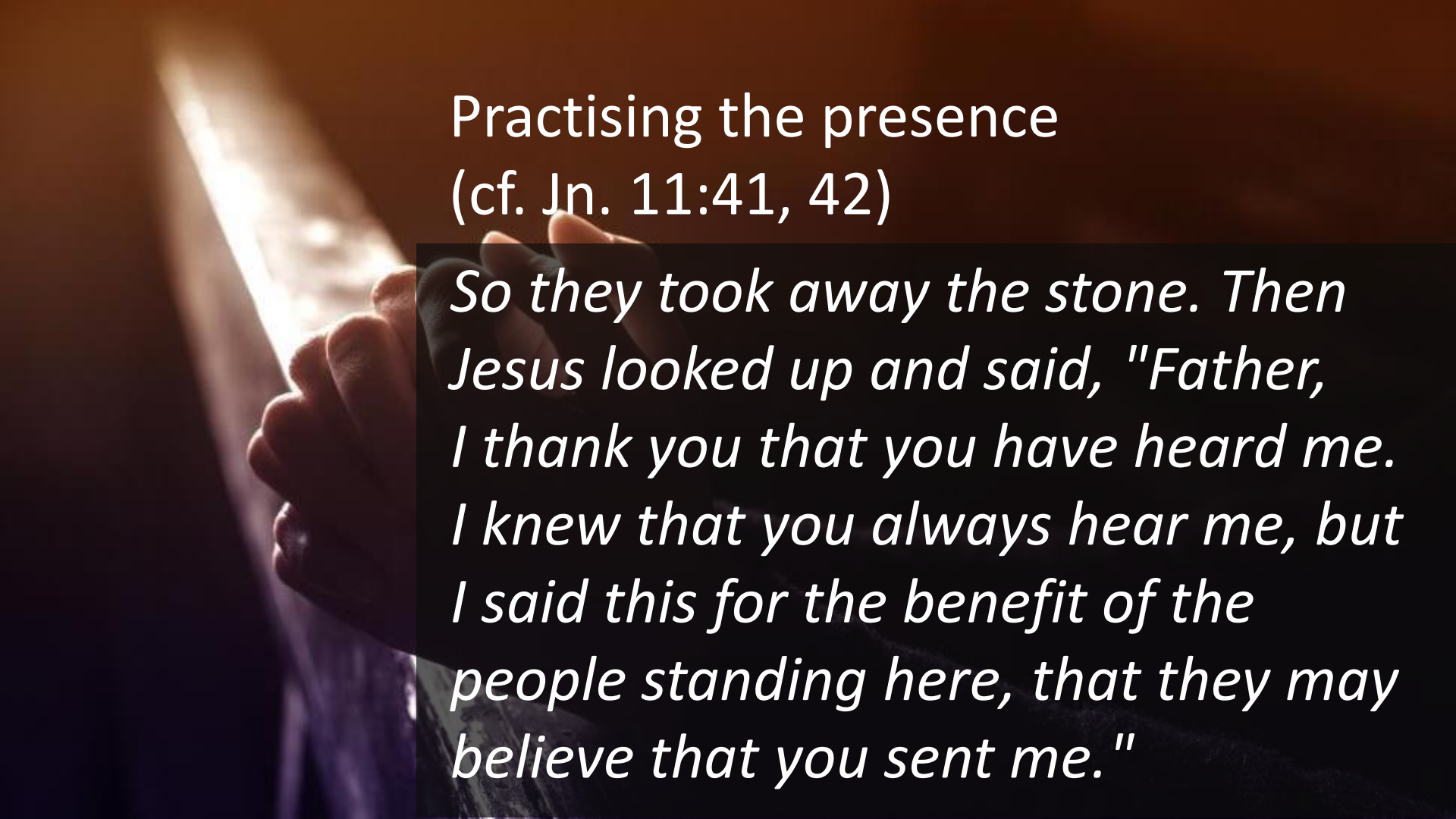
Posture of the heart (cf. Mk. 1:35)

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.



Prioritising of one's time (cf. Lk. 5:16)

But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.



Practising the presence
(cf. Jn. 11:41, 42)

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

The need for perseverance (v. 3; v. 7)

Luke 18:3

And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'



The need for perseverance (v. 3; v. 7)

Luke 18:7

And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?



Perseverance in the will of the Father
(cf. Lk. 22:42-44)

"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.



The need for faithfulness (v. 1)

- Posture of the heart
- Prioritising of one's time
- Practising the presence



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The need for perseverance (v. 3; v. 7)

- Perseverance in the will of the Father (cf. Lk. 22:42-44)



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The need for perseverance (v. 3; v. 7)

The need for faith (v. 8b)



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The need for faith (v. 8b)

- Faith to trust and act (Lk. 8:48)

Then he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace."



The need for faith (v. 8b)

- Faith to trust and act (Lk. 8:48)
- Faith to believe and witness (Lk. 8:50)

Hearing this, Jesus said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid; just believe, and she will be healed."



The need for faith (v. 8b)

- Faith to trust and act (Lk. 8:48)
- Faith to believe and witness (Lk. 8:50)
- Walking in humble obedience, confidence and trust in the Father



