

January 4,5

“The Three Pauses”

Mark 9:14–29

Message by Steve Folwer, Laura Scharer

Worship led by Jeff Brown

Music:

Love Come Down	Reckless Love	Who You Say I Am
Christ Be All Around Me	Do It Again	

Sermon:

“When the seventy two disciples returned they joyfully reported to him, “Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!” “Yes,” he told them, “I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning!”

Luke 10:17-18

The reality of the spiritual battle demands dependence.

Jesus encounters: disputing Pharisees, discouraged father, demonized boy, defeated disciples

What does your interior life with Jesus look like?

Jesus’ life was saturated in prayer

Jesus’ life was marked by the Presence of God

But despite Jesus’ instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases. But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer.

Luke 5:15-16

Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray. Later Simon and the others went out to find him. When they found him, they said, “Everyone is looking for you.”

Mark 1:35-37

One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night.

Luke 6:12

So Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing.

John 5:19-20

Intimacy

God, I want to know you.

Will you reveal yourself more deeply to me?

Incarnational

Jesus, I want others to know you.

Will you shine through me so those around me are drawn to you?

Intercession

Jesus, I have personal longings and concerns.

Will you hear my heart and respond to my requests?

But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. 2 Corinthians 3:16-18