

# *the Pastor's Corner*

## **Our Need To Pray**

I am writing this article from Hawaii at the Samoa-Tokelau SDA Church in Honolulu where I am completing an evangelistic series. One of the blessings I am receiving here is through the prayer ministry of the church conducted by three faithful elders and one woman. Yesterday (Monday) morning I had set my alarm clock to wake up at 5:00am but before my alarm went off I was awakened by the singing coming from the church. I am being housed at the church in their guest rooms. When I went down to check, it was a prayer meeting that happens every day of the week at 5:00am. So, after the prayer session they asked me to share a thought from the Word. It was as much a blessing for them as it was for me. So they asked if I could share the Word every day this week at this morning prayer meeting while I am here and I gladly accepted the invitation. This idea of having prayer meeting every day of the week at 5am in the morning made me think of Jesus and his prayer life. According to Mark:

*“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed” ( Mark 1:35)*

One of the most striking aspects of the life of Jesus to me is His prayer life. From this text we can conclude that this was Jesus' habitual practice – to wake up early in the morning before sunrise and spend quality time praying to His father.

Often, he will depart from the people he was ministering to, and go to a quiet place to pray. Other times he spent all night in prayer. What is it about prayer that moved Jesus to not only set aside time to do but to do it with a passion?

This provides a tremendous challenge for any Christian. Ask yourself this question. If Jesus, being the Son of God, needed to spend so much time in prayer, should we who are sinners in need of grace, not need to spend even more time in prayer?

How important is prayer in your life?

~ Pastor Fred Toailoa

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## Ask.

ASK AND IT  
WILL BE  
GIVEN  
TO YOU;

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## Seek.

SEEK  
AND YOU  
WILL  
FIND;

MATTHEW 7 : 7



## Knock.

KNOCK AND  
THE DOOR  
WILL BE  
OPENED.

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