



Series: The Gospel of Mark
Message: "Loving Out of Your Being"
Mark 1:35-45
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"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."

Mark 1:35 (ESV)

Jesus' Desert Rhythm...

1:9 -11	Desert - "Be" (with God)
1:21 - 34	City - "Do"
1:35	Desert - "Be" (with God)
1:40 - 45	City - "Do"

**When we spend time with God in the "desert,"
we are able to get His heart for other people**

Developing Your Own Desert Rhythm...

1. Between work and rest

"The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves."

Mark 6:30-32 (ESV)

2. Between solitude and community

"Let him who cannot be alone beware of community. He will only do harm to himself and to the community...but the reverse is also true: let him who is not in community beware of being alone." – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

3. Between silence and speech

“When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.”
Proverbs 10:19 (ESV)

“Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger.”
James 1:19 (ESV)

“Be angry and do not sin; ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.”
Psalm 4:4 (ESV)

4. Between stillness and action

“The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”
Exodus 14:14 (ESV)