

Bay City Wesleyan Church
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Jesus always finds a better way. Forget what you think you know about him. Let's get to know the real Jesus.
<http://bible.com/events/583583>
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What does it look like when the Holy Spirit fills a human being? Jesus's life reveals the answer. That's why we often are surprised as we study the accounts of his life. He consistently exceeds our expectations.

Storytellers say the plot of every tale includes

1. A look at normal life
2. A hint of trouble
3. Full blown trouble
4. Help arrives and the trouble is resolved
5. Life changed (a new normal)

Mark 1:30-34 NIV

30</small> Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her. 31</small> So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them. 32</small> That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. 33</small> The whole town gathered at the door, 34</small> and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.
<https://bible.com/bible/111/mrk.1.30-34.NIV>

Mark 1:35-36 NIV

35</small> 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. 36</small> Simon and his companions went to look for him,
<https://bible.com/bible/111/mrk.1.35-36.NIV>

Most every Christian who has been walking with God for any length of time has experienced times of spiritual coolness - times of dullness of soul, dimness of vision, when the thrill seems to have leaked out of [their spiritual lives]. While these times may be opportunities for the Lord to instruct us, there are some clear causes ... and ... there is a way out.
Citation: Keith Drury © 1985

Mark 1:36-42 NIV

36</small> Simon and his companions went to look for him, 37</small>

and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"
<small>38</small> Jesus replied, "Let us go
somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is
why I have come." <small>39</small> So he
traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving
out demons. <small>40</small> A man with
leprosy came to him and begged him on his knees, "If you are willing, you
can make me clean." <small>41</small>
Jesus was indignant. He reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am
willing," he said. "Be clean!" <small><font
color="#999999">42</small> Immediately the leprosy left him and
he was cleansed.
<https://bible.com/bible/111/mrk.1.36-42.NIV>

How did Jesus develop the faith to do what our Heavenly Father sent him
to do?

He slipped away to pray.

The deepest purpose of prayer is companionship.

Sermon in a Sentence:
Companionship creates faith.

FIRST STEPS:

- Practice praise no matter how you feel.
- Look back over your life and thank God for his blessings and mighty acts on your behalf.
- Turn the volume up on some worship music and sing.
- Turn the volume down and take a nap. Rest in the Lord.
- Come clean with Jesus about how you feel deep inside.
- Spend time praying and in your Bible regularly.
- Put down your list of requests and pick up a pen and paper to take notes.