Habits of Seeking God
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[Lu 22:39-46, NIV]
Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. [40] On reaching the place, he said to them, “Pray that you will not fall into temptation.” [41] He withdrew about a stone’s throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, [42] “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” [43] An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. [44] And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. [45] When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. [46] “Why are you sleeping?” he asked them. “Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.”

USUAL/Greek ETHOS: “part of the routine;” customary; what is normal; what is habitual

Success is not an event; it is a habit.

When we develop an ethos of seeking God:
We will know God's Word
If you win the morning, you'll win the day.

[Psalm 119:11, NIV]
I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
(“logos” written word in your heart is necessary to hear the “rhema”
personal word for you)

Temptation is not sin. It’s what you do with it that leads to sin or freedom.

When we develop an ethos of seeking God:
We Will Recognize God’s Voice

[John 12:49-50, NLT]
“I don’t speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has
commanded me what to say and how to say it. {50} And I know his
commands lead to eternal life; so I say whatever the Father tells me to
say.”

When we develop an ethos of seeking God:
We Will See Others As God Sees Them

[Luke 23:34, NLT]
Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are
doing.”

When we develop an ethos of seeking God:
We Will Know Our Purpose

[John 13:3-5, NLT]
Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and
that he had come from God and would return to God. {4} So he got up from
the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, {5} and
poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples’ feet,
drying them with the towel he had around him.

Your purpose is to serve other people. Jesus wasn’t into titles; He was
into towels.
FOR MONDAY—

1. Dedicate time to getting God's “logos” written Word in you. Ask Him for a “rhema” personal word for your life.
2. Figure out your next step in serving God’s people.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. Have you ever had any unusual habits? When did they change (if they have)?
3. Randy Bezet emphasized the greek word "ethos": “customary, what is normal, what is habitual.” How is it that your ethos can help you in moments of hardship, challenges, temptations and other oppositions?
4. What is the difference between the “logos” word and the “rhema” word? How do these work together to influence your decisions?
5. How do you respond to the statement: “Success is not an event; it’s a habit.”? Which habits will set you, or your family, up for ongoing success?
6. Why is God’s will and timing equally important? How does knowing God’s voice help you figure it out?
7. How does having a habit of pursuing God help us see other people as God sees them?