



MADE FOR THIS

Made for This Part 5 — The Secret Place
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[Psalm 91:1-2]

*He who dwells in **the secret place of the Most High**
Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.*

*I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress;
My God, in Him I will trust.”*

(Shadow = The place of protection and defense)

[Psalm 31:19-20]

How great is the goodness

you have stored up for those who fear you.

*You lavish it on **those who come to you** for protection,
blessing them before the watching world.*

***You hide them in the secret place** (the shelter) of your presence,
safe from those who conspire against them.*

*You shelter them in your presence,
far from accusing tongues.*

[Matthew 6:5-6]

*“And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have **shut your door**, pray to your Father **who is in the secret place**; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.*

“An addiction to distraction is the death of your creative production.”

Robin Sharma

[Mark 1:35]

*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.*

[Psalm 73:25-26, TPT]

Whom have I in heaven but you? You're all I want!

No one on earth means as much to me as you.

Lord, so many times I fail; I fall into disgrace.

But when I trust in you, I have a strong and glorious presence protecting and anointing me. Forever you're all I need!

[Luke 5:16, NLT]

¹⁶ *But Jesus **often** withdrew to the wilderness to pray.*

[Matthew 11:28-29, MSG]

***28-30** “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. **I'll show you how to take a real rest.** Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.”*

The Secret Place isn't a story; it's a lifestyle.

For Monday—

1. Identify your - **Designated place**
2. Commit to your - **Dedicated time**
3. Sharpen your - **Determined focus** (by eliminating distractions)

Worship Resources—

Instrumental Albums

BETHEL MUSIC — *Without Words*

RIVERS AND ROBOTS PRESENTS — *Still Vol.1*

Worship Albums

BETHEL MUSIC — *Bethel Moments*

CHRIS TOMLIN — *Holy Roar*

HILLSONG UNITED — *People*

TFH WORSHIP — *Pursuit*

Book—

Secrets of the Secret Place by Bob Sorge

TALK IT THROUGH

1. What do you think of when you hear the phrase “The Secret Place?”
2. “An addiction to distraction is the death of your creative production.” Discuss this idea and how it has impacted your Secret place. How can we eliminate some of the distractions in our life to seek God.? What adjustments can we make?
3. Read: Psalm 91:1-2. Ps 31:19-20, Matthew 6:5-6. Pastor Dave emphasized "Shut the Door!" When and where can you designate your undistracted time with God?
4. What is the image of Jesus that comes to mind for you? What does it mean that Jesus was human, just like us?
5. Why do you think Jesus withdrew often? What was He modeling for us?
6. What obstacles have kept you from the Secret Place? (sin, feeling of unworthiness, distrust, offense, disappointment, etc.)
7. How can we get into the Secret Place often? (repent, get real, wait/be still, study more about it)