

Silence and solitude are what best prepare us for the **BIGS** in our lives.

Today's key idea:

1. Pray when you suffer big _____.

When Jesus heard **what had happened**, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Matthew 14:13

When Jesus had finished these parables, he moved on from there. **54** Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. "Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?" they asked. **55** "Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother's name Mary, and aren't his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? **56** Aren't all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?" **57** And they took **offense** at him. Matthew 13:53-57 (NIV)

But Jesus said, "A prophet is taken for granted in his hometown and his family." He didn't do many miracles there because of their hostile indifference. Matthew 15:58 (MSG)

At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the reports about Jesus, **2** and he said to his attendants, "This is John the Baptist; he has risen from the dead! That is why miraculous powers are at work in him." Matthew 4:1-2

John's disciples came and took his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus. **13** When Jesus heard what had happened, he **withdrew** by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had **compassion** on them and **healed** their sick. Matthew 14:12-14

Today's application.

In grief:

1. I _____ and connect with _____.
2. I _____ back in and engage with _____.

"In solitude, we come to know the Spirit who has already been given to us. The pains and struggles we encounter in our solitude thus become the way to hope, because our hope is not based on something that will happen after our sufferings are over, but on the real presence of God's healing Spirit in the midst of these sufferings" Henri Nouwen

You have to look for and find moments of solitude because the "noise of life" will look for and find you.

Things to think about this week:

1. What do you need to pull away from and share with God?
2. Where do you need to plug back in and connect with others?

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