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The Key to Renewal –

Communion with the Holy Spirit and in Prayer and Worship

Seral succession = the natural biological systems become so developed that they begin to bog themselves down → Atrophy [R-p.70]

Sinful nature follows the path of least resistance, slowly replacing faith and trust with power and control, preferring to rely on the seen instead of the unseen.

The core of Jesus' Ministry – Jesus' example of solitude, prayers, and worship

Solitude; Prayers

Scripture reading: Matthew 14:13-23 (John 6:15); Mark 1:32-35; Luke 5:15-16

- (Mt 14:13, 23) "...He withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place... He went up on a mountainside by himself to pray"
- (Mk 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."
- (Lk 5:16) "Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."

Scripture reading: Lamentations(耶利米哀歌) 3:21-28

- Be in communion with the Holy Spirit through prayers
 - John 16: 12-15 – The Holy Spirit guides us into all truths
 - Romans 8:26-27 – The Holy Spirit pray for us
- Attitude: Devote ourselves to prayer (Colossians 4:2); Pray continually (1 The 5:17)
- How to pray (Matthew 6:5-13) – we should start with worship!

Worship

Scripture reading: Revelation 4-5; Psalm 34:1-9

- Focusing on and responding to God – (Rev 4:8; 5:12-13) "God is worthy"!!
- In Spirit and truth – (John 4:23-24) "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."
- In public and in private (solitude & prayer) – (Psalm 34:1-9; 37:4) "Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart." (also reference Psalm 1:2-3)