

# 44: FAITH IN PRIVATE SPACES

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*“But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” — Matthew 6:6*

There’s a stretch of trail no one else sees. No conversation. No shared steps. Just a man and the path in front of him. It’s quiet. It’s unobserved. And it reveals more than any public moment ever could.

Matthew 6:6 says, “When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret.” That instruction isn’t about location—it’s about reality. It’s about the kind of faith a man lives when no one else is around.

What’s often left unsaid is how easy it is to build a public walk and neglect a private one. A man can say the right things, show up in the right places, and still be thin where it matters most. Because private faith requires something public faith doesn’t—discipline without recognition.

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On the trail, this is where a man either stays grounded or begins to drift. Without private time with God, his direction becomes unclear. His thinking gets off. His pace becomes inconsistent. No one sees it right away—but it shows up over time.

Private faith is not optional. It's the foundation everything else stands on.

## **APPLICATION**

Faith in private spaces is built through intentional choices. Matthew 6:6 calls a man to step away, close the door, and meet with God without distraction. That doesn't happen by accident. It has to be chosen.

What's often left unsaid is how easily a man avoids that space. Not because he doesn't believe, but because it's quiet, it's slow, and it requires focus. There's no immediate feedback. No visible result. Just time spent with God that only He sees.

But that's where strength is formed. A man who meets with God privately begins to think differently. His decisions become clearer. His reactions become steadier. Not because he's trying harder—but because he's anchored deeper.

This isn't about long hours or perfect routines. It's about consistency. Showing up. Opening the Word. Speaking honestly in prayer. Listening. Staying present.

Over time, what happens in private shows up in public. A man who is grounded when no one is watching will be steady when others are. But the reverse is never true. Public strength without private foundation eventually gives way.

This is where the trail either holds—or starts to break.

## **LIVE IT OUT**

Set aside time this week to meet with God in private. No distractions. No shortcuts. Just you and Him. Stay consistent, even if it feels quiet or slow. What you build in private will shape everything else. The strength you need on the trail starts where no one else is looking.

### ***PRAY THIS...***

***“Lord, walk with me on those unseen trails that I might be made more like Your Son.”***

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