

**Volume 1, Day 30: PRAYER: with Eyes Wide Open**

Now some people ask, “Wayne, do you have a prayer closet that you do this in every day?” My answer to that is, “I really don't. I don't see this as a daily ritual, but an ongoing conversation. So it happens throughout my day whether I'm driving, whether I'm listening, whether I'm on the phone, I'm still listening and talking to God as best I can.” I have times when I don't do any of that. I just enjoy the day, whatever I'm doing. But my heart is somehow always turned toward Him. It listens to hear what God is doing.

Now, there are times when something particularly critical is going on or I'm feeling a bit distant that I'll get away to have a concentrated time with God. My prayer closet might be a walk in the foothills near here. It might be sitting in Sarah's garden for a bit and just asking God some questions and listening. I don't always get the answers I want right then, but somehow over the next few days those answers will kind of soak through to my heart if I need them. There are times when I don't need them.

I considered unanswered questions to mean there's nothing I need to do about it right now, so just keep walking with him. At other times, it really is up to me. God doesn't want to control every detail of my life. He wants to share my life with me. So sometimes that means, “Wayne, do what you want to do and I'll do it with you. I'll be in it with you.” And that's often how it works as well.

Lean into your dialog with God just as you would with a significant other or good friend. God is more interested in you than you likely think. He loves to hear your voice even when He already knows what you will say. And as in relationships with family, consider God at table with you and include Him in the conversation. And look His direction and don't close your eyes to talk to Him!