

***Something I should know?* from OUR DAILY BREAD**

During a concert, singer-songwriter David Wilcox responded to a question from the audience about how he composed songs. He said there are three aspects to his process: a quiet room, and empty page, and the question "Is there something I should know?" It struck me as a wonderful approach for followers of Jesus as we see the lord's plan for our lives each day.

Throughout Jesus's public ministry He took time to be alone in prayer. After feeding 5000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish, He sent His disciples to cross the Sea of Galilee by boat which He Dismissed the crowd. (Matthew 14:22. "After Jesus had dismissed them, He went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, He was there alone" (v.23).

If the Lord Jesus saw the need to be alone with His Father, how much more do we need a daily time of solitude to pour out our hearts to God, ponder his word, and prepare to follow His directions? A quiet room – anywhere we can focus on the Lord without distractions. An empty page – a receptive mind, a blank sheet of paper, a willingness to listen. Is there something I should know? "Lord, speak to me by your Holy Spirit, your written Word, and the assurance of Your direction."

From that quiet hillside, Jesus descended into a violent storm, knowing exactly what His Father wanted Him to do (vv.24-27).

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