

# *“How & Why We All Cry 24/7/365”*

Psalm 119:147-148

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## **INTRO:**      *How much do you value time?*

- 1 Year: ...a student who fails a final...
- 1 Month: ...parent of premature infant...
- 1 Day: ...a day-laborer with kids to feed...
- 1 Minute: ...a traveler missing their plane...
- 1 Second: ...a survivor of a bad car crash...
- 1 Split-second: ...a silver (vs. gold) medalist...

Are you wasting/spending/investing your 86,400 sec.?

*What you do with your time reveals what you value!* - JDP

*Your hope, help, & healing will be greatly impacted by how you view & use your time!* - JDP

## **REVIEW:**

**Don't confuse your past & your present!** - JDP

- a. *Having heard is NOT hearing...*
- b. *Loved is NOT loving... & Forgave is NOT forgiving*
- c. *Humility has a very short shelf-life.*
- d. *All aspects of Christ-likeness need to be checked...*

**PRAYER**

**BIG IDEA:**     ***Constant crying-out is critical***  
*for biblical & missional Christ-likeness.* - JDP

**CONTEXT:**

- A. Perspective sermon series
- B. Psalm 119 = Passion, Poetry, & Parallelism
- C. Previous week: *With our Head, Heart, & Hands...*
  - a. We ALL need to REALIZE
  - b. We ALL need to RESPOND
  - c. We ALL need to REPENT
  - d. We ALL need to REMEMBER
  - e. We ALL need to REPEAT

**PREVIEW:**                    Couplet - vv.147-148

- 1. Corruption            *(Pray)*
- 2. Construction        *(Obey)*
- 3. Correction            *(Repeat)*

**TEXT:**                        **Psalm 119:147-148**

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I hope in your words.  
My eyes are awake before the night watches,  
that I may meditate on your promise.

# I. 24/7/365 **CORRUPTION**

I rise before dawn and **cry for help**;  
...My eyes are awake before the night watches,

- A. Pre-dawn...
- B. Thru the night...
- C. 24/7/365 *CONSTANT whole-hearted crying-out*
  - a. *Hear me!* v. 145
  - b. *Save me!* v. 146
  - c. *Help me!* v. 147

Again:

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D. As OLD as time... **Genesis 4:7**  
**"sin is crouching at the door."**

E. As SUBTLE as time...

(Can you see the corruption?)

**VIDEO:** *Sheep-dog & Wolf Relationship*

(See how their perspective on time defined their relationship!)

**NEVER** forget **1 Peter 5:8!**

Have you ever realized that when you “compartmentalize” your faith & witness commitments... that all hell seems to subtly sneak-in OR suddenly break-out?

***Blind spots are not part-time problems.***

Think about it... personally, culturally, globally... missionally!

**F. As frequent as ALL the time...**

**\* ILLUSTRATION:** *Leaking & Refilling*

**T/S:** When we cry out with our tongues only, we're talking... but when we cry out with our hearts pounding & ears listening... **we're worshipping!**

## II. 24/7/365 CONSTRUCTION

I hope in your words.

**A. Commanded**

a. Mark 1:15

b. Matthew 11:28... *“Come to Me...”*

c. John 14:6 & Romans 8:37

d. John 15's abide & obey... or **NOTHING!**

e. Colossians 3:23 (do ALL as unto the Lord...)

f. Philippians 1:27 (live...worthy of the gospel)

*We ALL need to obey if we hope to abide...  
and we all need to abide if we hope to obey. - JDP*

**T/S:** 1 Thess. 5:17 **Pray without ceasing!**

## **B. Commissioned**

- a. Matthew 28:18-20 (see all the all's)
- b. Acts 1:8 (*empowered locally, regionally, & globally*)
- c. John 20:21 (HE is our blueprint & bullseye!)
- d. Ephesians 5:16 (make the best use of time)

**VIDEO:** *Mahali Safi Update #3*

**T/S:** BRIDGE family... if we were not constantly crying out (AND listening), we would have missed so many miracles...

## **III. 24/7/365 CORRECTION**

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**that I may meditate on your promise.**

- A. *We need personal, passionate, & pure correction*
- B. *We need correction for hearing, helping & holiness*
- C. *We need **CONSTANT** correction in Christ-likeness*

**VIDEO:** *Pinging Illustration*

We cry out CONSTANTLY... not because we need God to hear us. No. We cry out to Christ, constantly... **because we need to hear Him!** -JDP

**REVIEW:**

**Constant** crying-out is **critical** for biblical & missional Christ-likeness.

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-JDP

**CLOSE:**

**How important is crying out AND listening?**

**VIDEO:** *Listen To The Voice*  
(flying without a pilot)

At any point along the way, that little plane, like you and me, could have crashed & burned!

Face it... you & I have no idea what the next 10 seconds, few minutes, couple of hours... the next day, week, month, year, decade... will bring.

Every second we're NOT crying out, NOT listening... is a potential death trap!

**BUT... every second we're surrendering to victory & listening to His voice, we're one step closer to Him... home... healing... & HEAVEN!**

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**Let's PRAY!**

**WORSHIP:** *Right Here + Glorious Day*