

## A SOLITARY PLACE (Mark 1:35-39)

Introduction: *My own 'solitary places' – a hillside, a trail, a beach...*

- I. THE BIBLE TALKS ABOUT **SOLITARY PLACES**
  - A. These are places one goes to make big decisions
  - B. Jesus went to a solitary place to make big decision (Mk. 1:35-37)
  - C. His decision was between “the kingdom of self” and the kingdom of God
  - D. He chose God’s kingdom (Mk. 1:38; Luke 19:10)
  
- II. WHEN WE FOLLOW JESUS, THERE WILL BE **SOLITARY PLACES** FOR US
  - A. In our various solitary places we will have to choose between “the kingdom of self” and the kingdom of God
  - B. Sometimes our solitary places are places of upset & turbulence
  - C. Sometimes our solitary places are quieter
  - D. But—in any solitary place we will have to decide: My way or God’s way?
  - E. **Did you know---** every Sunday sermon is your own solitary place of decision?!

Conclusion: *Is every Sunday’s 20 minute sermon **God’s solitary place for you...** or is it -- “just preaching”???*