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Spending time with Jesus each morning can do more than just change a bad morning; it can reveal life's purpose. We were created to worship our Creator. It should not be any more difficult than that! Worshiping God – The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit -- is first and foremost and out of that relationship flows all joy, hope, peace and love. It is what Jesus did while He walked this earth. When He was a human, in a man's body, He relied on His communion with God to receive guidance for the day before Him. He would then set about the task with the power to carry out His Father's will in perfect trust, all enabled by His time in communion with His Father.

I am famous for making long to-do lists that would take me into the next decade to accomplish. I like long-range planning because it helps me feel as if I'm in control of things around me. But my to-do lists and long-term planning do not deliver peace. At times, both can crush me under their weight, especially when I fail to execute.

I asked my son to take out the trash one day, and he agreed. As he headed out the door, I added "...and after that, grab the mail, feed the cats, pick up the bikes in the garage, and then finish your Algebra."

"One task at a time!" he called back, overwhelmed by the sudden data dump I'd delivered.

One task at a time. That is how Jesus invites us to live. One day at a time, one task at a time. We needn't burden ourselves with changing the world, our country, or even our own families. Our most important objective should be to first establish and maintain our connection with Jesus. This is the conduit through which every gift He has to give us will flow. Through it our lives will be powered to focus and execute the tasks God has placed in our path, be they to feed the dog, care for someone in need, or to give bible studies.

Through this same connection God supplies the atmosphere of peace that He promises in which to carry out our duties with his heart of servant hood, and without conflict or rancor. It is through this channel that our hearts are transformed to resemble the heart of God.

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*