

Audience: Youth  
Bible Focus: Luke 5:16

## Go with God

*But [Jesus] would withdraw to desolate places and pray.*

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*Godspeed* is an antiquated term. Long ago, people spoke this word of blessing as they said farewell to friends. Sailors setting off on a voyage across the ocean, for example, would leave port with a hearty “Godspeed!” ringing in their ears. The term expressed the hope that God would go with travelers to guide, protect, and prosper them.

Jesus knew that his journey was taking him to the cross. But he did not travel that path alone. He remained close to his heavenly Father in prayer. Jesus did not abandon the journey when it grew difficult. Instead, he handed his struggles over to the Father in prayer, asking that God’s will would be done.

Like Jesus, you need never be alone in your struggles. You can share them with your heavenly Father in prayer. You can remind yourself that your Lord travels right beside you across the expansive seas of life. That thought never goes out of date. Wherever your path takes you today, Godspeed!

**Prayer starter:** *Loving Lord, you gladly take up my burdens as I share them with you in prayer . . .*

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