early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and was praying there.

- Mark 1:35

## But He Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.

- Luke 5:16

But they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

- Isaiah 40:31

1. We gain strength in exchange for our weakness.

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." And then Paul's response is: Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

- 2 Corinthians 12:9

2. We gain God's perspective on what's ahead.

3. We gain energy that we will need.

4. We gain determination to finish.

"For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you."

- Isaiah 41:13

Be still and know that I am God.

- Psalm 46:10