

# IN PRIVATE

*THEN NO ONE WILL NOTICE THAT YOU ARE FASTING, EXCEPT YOUR FATHER, WHO KNOWS WHAT YOU DO IN PRIVATE. AND YOUR FATHER, WHO SEES EVERYTHING, WILL REWARD YOU. MATTHEW 6:18*

**JESUS ENCOURAGED US TO ACTIVELY ENGAGE IN A SECRET LIFE OF KIND ACTS, COURAGEOUS GENEROSITY, AND DEVOTED PRAYER.**

**THE SECRET PLACE IS OUR PRIMARY PLACE OF LABOR. THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN WE ENGAGE IN PUBLIC ACTS THAT SHINE HIS LIGHT, BUT OUR PUBLIC LIFE IS SIMPLY A REFLECTION OF WHAT TAKES PLACE IN OUR PRIVATE LIVES.**

**LIKE AN ICEBERG, JUST A FRACTION OF OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES ARE ABOVE THE WATER.**

**LIKE A TREE, THE LEAVES PROVIDE SHADE, BUT UNSEEN ROOTS PROVIDE THE STABILITY AND NOURISHMENT.**

**THE FATHER SEES WHAT WE CULTIVATE IN PRIVATE, AND HE REWARDS WHAT IS DONE IN THE SECRET PLACE.**

*Father, I am afraid that perhaps I do too much outside of the secret place.  
Help me.*

- **SET ASIDE TIME FOR “THE SECRET PLACE.” BE DELIBERATE AND INTENTIONAL. SAVOR AND ESTABLISH YOUR PRIVATE LIFE AND THEN GUARD IT. ONLY THEN WILL YOU DEVELOP DEEP ROOTS IN AND WITH GOD.**