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**Victory Through Prayer**

Matthew 26:36-46

**Key Truth:** Submission to God is a source of power in prayer.

**The Place Of Surrender:**

1. The victory was won in the garden.

2. Jesus prayer in the garden reveals to us how we are to

 respond to God in prayer.

 A. Our posture in prayer should be one of humility and

 surrender.

3. Without Jesus submission to the will of God in prayer there

 would be no Easter to celebrate.

**Victory Was Proclaimed On The Cross:**

1. Because Jesus understood God’s will, He didn’t resist arrest.

 A. When you are submitted to God’s will, others may

 misunderstand your actions.

2. When we understand that our suffering is the will of God, it

 will allow us to be loving and forgiving. **Luke 23:34, 43**

3. Through the crucifixion, we see that suffering can have

 purpose.

**Victory Was Realized Through The Resurrection**:

1. Even though the cross was horrific, it was triumphal and it

 accomplished the will of God.

2. The resurrection is our receipt that the price for our salvation

 was paid in full.

3. The resurrection of Jesus gives us the ability to operate in this

 world with Kingdom authority.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Remain alert and prayerful during these times of urgency, so that we would be sensitive to what He is doing in the lives of those around us. Pray that the Holy Spirit would work in us to make us more willing to submit to God’s will for our lives.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

When are you more alert: during the morning or at night?

Read Matthew 26:40-41: How does the disciples’ inability to stay awake at this point reveal that they still at this point did not understand Jesus’ mission as the suffering servant and Messiah?

What in verses 37-38 should have tipped them off that the situation warranted prayer?

What is the relationship between praying and submitting to God’s will (see verses 39 and 42)? How does prayer help us go from asking God, “my will be done” to “Your will be done”?

Read John 8:31-32: What is the relationship between knowing God’s revealed will in Scripture and discovering His will through prayer?

Read 1 Timothy 3:16-17: Is the Bible sufficient for knowing how to pray and what to pray about?

Read Matthew 26:41: How does Jesus acknowledge human frailty and its limitations in verse 41? How can our weaknesses lead us toward or away from prayer? **(See 2 Corinthians 12:7-10).**

Read Hebrews 4:14-16: Why should Jesus’ experience of stress and temptation encourage us to pray?

How we can we pray for you this week?