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**Jesus’ Agonizing Prayer**

Mark 14:32-42

**Key Truth:** Spiritual battles are won or lost by the effective prayer beforehand.

**Jesus Agonizing Prayer:**

1. Jesus stresses over experiencing the cup of God’s wrath

 for the sins of the world.

2. Jesus inner circle misses a unique opportunity.

3. Jesus in His humanity submits to the Father’s will for His

 life.

**Some Truths About Prayer:**

1. Prayer give us the strength to endure the circumstance

 we are facing or about to face.

2. Prayer is aligning our will with the Father’s will.

3. Prayer is empowered by the Spirit.

**How To Pray When Our Will Is Contrary To God’s?**

1. Don’t go at it alone. **Galatians 6:2, James 5:16**

2. Be honest with God. **Philippians 4:6-7**

3. Be persistent. **2 Corinthians 12:7-10, Luke 11:9-13, Luke 18:1-8**

4. Be obedient no matter the cost. **Hebrews 12:2**

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Ask the Lord to help you learn how to pray, but also to have the constant urgency to pray. Thank God for His provision of prayer, Scripture, and the church as means to sustain us in following Jesus.

**Connection Group Homework**

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

When do you feel most energetic: morning, afternoon, or night?

Prayer is important just like communication is in any relationship. In what circumstances is it easiest for you to pray? When is it the hardest? What are some of your challenges and frustrations when it comes to regularly praying to our God?

Read Mark 14:32-36: What stands out to you about Jesus’ instruction to His disciples as He went by Himself to pray?

How did Jesus’ ability to be distressed and troubled demonstrate His genuine humanity?

What in verses 33-34 should have prompted the disciples to pray for and with Jesus?

We heard this weekend about the importance of being persistent in prayer. In 2 Samuel 12:15-23, King David is praying this kind of prayer as he seeks God’s intervention on a critical issue. As you read this story, answer the questions below:

Have you ever set aside extra time to dedicate yourself to prayer concerning a specific issue or concern? If so, explain.

Based on what we’ve learned about the importance of persistence in our prayers, is there anything you might be giving up on a bit too early? Need to focus on more? Anything you need to let go of?