

Building my life on stable foundations

32 They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' 33 He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. 34 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,' he said to them. 'Stay here and keep watch.'

35 Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. 36 'Abba, Father,' he said, 'everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.'

37 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. 'Simon,' he said to Peter, 'are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour? 38 Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.'

39 Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. 40 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.

41 Returning the third time, he said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!'

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Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering... punished by God, stricken by Him, & afflicted ...He was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment for our peace fell upon Him... He was oppressed and afflicted.. as a result of the anguish of His soul, God will see it and be satisfied. Isaiah 53:4-11

He who knew no sin became sin so we could become righteousness 2 Corinthians 5:21

...do not conform to the pattern of your former ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do. 1Pet.1:14-16

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God keeps giving us more & more grace... God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble Jas.4:6

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The ACTS of prayer, plus needs for which to seek for answers.

A. Adoration; C. Confession; T. Thanksgiving; S. Seeking

For personal reflection, or group discussion

1. What was the worst fault in the worst house you ever lived in?
2. Jesus prayed repeatedly, and for hours, with no apparent answer to His prayers. Why doesn't our Heavenly Father give us what we want at the instant we ask for it? What benefits come from slow answers?
3. Jesus wanted His closest friends near Him while He went through this dark period. How can friendships help when you have to go through a dark time alone?
4. Jesus repeatedly predicted, not that He would die, but that He would be killed (Mark 8:31, 9:31, 10:33-34). What is the difference between an animal dying in the paddock, and one sacrificed on the altar?
5. He who knew no sin became sin (2 Corinthians 5:21). Try swapping the word 'became' for a different word to try and convey the same meaning. Why is 'became' such a powerful word?
6. Seven times in Scripture we are commanded to "be holy". What is the difference between being holy and being nice? What is significant about the addition "...because I am holy"?

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