

AN OLIVE GROVE CALLED GETHSEMANE

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But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

Mark 14:32-42

THREE LESSONS

1) Be assured you are never _____ with your struggles.

He began to be filled with horror and deep distress. (v. 33)

My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. (v. 34)

Hebrews 4:15 This high priest of ours understand our weaknesses, for He did not sin.

“Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.” (Psalm 50:15)

2) Be _____ to go _____ through with your challenges.

He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by. ³⁶ “Abba, Father,” he cried out, “everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” (v. 35-36)

*“Couldn’t you stay awake and watch with me for one hour?”
(v. 37)*

⁴² Again he left them and prayed, “My Father! If this cup cannot go away until I drink it all, your will be done.” ⁴³ He returned to them again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy... (Matthew 26:42-43)

⁴³ Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened him, ⁴⁴ for he was in such agony of spirit that he broke into a sweat of blood, with great drops falling to the ground as he prayed more and more earnestly. ⁴⁵ At last he stood up again and returned to the disciples—only to find them asleep, exhausted from grief. (Luke 22:43-45)

When He returned to them the third time, He said, “Still sleeping? Still resting? Enough! The time has come when I, the Son of man, am betrayed into the hands of sinners. Up, let’s be going. See, my betrayer is here.” (Mark 14:41-42)

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. (2 Cor. 5:21)

3) Be _____ in times of temptation.

“Keep alert and pray. Otherwise, temptation will overpower you for though the spirit is willing enough, the body is weak” (v. 38)

*He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.
(Gen. 3:15)*