

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Jesus' Prayer of Surrender

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
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What does it look like to surrender to God in the big things & the mundane things?

What does it look like to choose God's will over our way?

Matthew 26:36-41 (NLT) Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, "Sit here while I go over there to pray." ³⁷ He took Peter and Zebedee's two sons, James and John, and he became anguished and distressed. He told them, "My soul is crushed with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." ³⁹ He went on a little farther and bowed with his face to the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine." ⁴⁰ Then he returned to the disciples and found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Couldn't you watch with me even one hour?" ⁴¹ Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!"

In Ezekiel 23:32-34 (NIV) we read "You will drink...a cup large and deep;...the cup of ruin and desolation,...and tear your breasts."

In Isaiah 51:22 (NIV), God speaks of "the cup that made you stagger;... the goblet of my wrath."

• God's anger & wrath is a function of His love & goodness.

• It's not about suppressing our desires but surrendering our desires to God.

• Despite suffering, Jesus obeys the Father, for the love of the Father, & for us.

Isaiah 53:5-6, 10 (NLT) "But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. ⁶ All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all... ¹⁰But it was the Lord's good plan to crush him and cause him grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have many descendants."

• Jesus experienced God's wrath in our place.

Romans 5:8 (AMP) "But God shows and clearly proves His [own] love for us by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) died for us."

• We can surrender our will because the Father loves us.

Big Idea: Choose God's will over your way.

Where do you need to choose God's will over your way?

Where do you need to pray: "I want your will to be done, not mine."

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service
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the New International Version (NIV), & the Amplified Bible (AMP).*



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- 2) Take time to have one person explain and the practice the 3 Circles Gospel Presentation or share their testimony.
- 3) Read Matthew 26:36-41. What is the **Context** for this passage? Where is this taking place in the book as a whole (what comes before or after)? Who is the writer / speaker and who are the recipients? Where does it fit in the Bible? What's the theme of this chapter, or passage? What's the historical and cultural context?
- 4) **Observation:** What "jumps out" in these passages? What interesting details do you observe? What questions come up about this passage?
- 5) **Meaning:** What was the meaning for the original recipients? What does Jesus mean by "cup of suffering"? In what way is God's wrath towards sin and evil a function of His love and goodness?
- 6) What does Isaiah 53 reveal about the "why" behind the suffering of the Messiah (Jesus Christ)? What does Romans 5:6-11 reveal about God's motive for sending Jesus to die on a cross?
- 7) **Application:** How is God speaking to you through these verses and through this message? In what way is God asking you to choose His will over your way? Where do you need to pray, "I want your will to be done, not mine."
- 8) How do these verses call on you to change the way you live? What step will you take today? What principles do you need to pass on to others this week?



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