

Weakness – Weak Flesh

Weakness – the state or condition of lacking strength, the quality of being weak. A person or thing that one is unable to resist or likes excessively

Matthew 26:36-46 nkjv

- There are only 3 incidents recorded that Jesus took Peter, James and John by himself. Separated from the rest of the disciples.
- 1st time was when Jesus brought back to life Jairus daughter
(Mark 5:36-43 nlt)
- 2nd time was then they got to experience the mount of transfiguration.
(Matthew 17:1-9 nlt)
- 3rd time was in the garden of gethsemane. Our text for today
- Before this scene in the garden of gethsemane. Jesus had the last supper with his disciples
- Jesus even told them that tonight they will desert him. Peter even vowed that that he wouldn't desert him. Insisting that he would die with Jesus before denying him **(Matthew 26:31-35 nlt)**
- Jesus tells peter, james and john to keep watch and pray.
- Jesus even tells them that his soul is crushed with grief to the point of death
- You would think, that alone was enough to keep them up to watch Jesus
- the last 2 times that they were alone with Jesus and watching him something powerful and supernatural happen.

- You would think they would go into this situation expecting the same experience like before but instead they are sleeping
- Maybe its because they were full and satisfied from the last supper that they got food coma,
- maybe because it wasn't exciting like the times before. there were no crowds, no mountain top experience. That they got bored and fell asleep
- or maybe it's because Jesus told them how he feels. how crushed with grief his soul that that they felt like it wasn't important enough to watch and pray because there was no one to help or they themselves wasn't going to receive a word or an encounter.

HOW MANY OF US ARE LIKE THAT?

- Peter was the one who told Jesus that he will die with him. And when Jesus told them his soul was crush with grief to the point of death. Jesus found peter sleeping and addressed him and told him you couldn't watch with me for one hour?
- Told him to watch and pray lest he enters into temptation
- What temptation is he entering tho? sleeping? How is he being tempted? **(James 1:12-15 nkjv)**
- The crown of life is a reward for Christians who preserve through trials and remain faithful to God. The crown is for those who stand firm under suffering, adversity and challenges, demonstrating their love for God in difficult time **(Revelation 2:10 nlt)**
- Jesus told them to watch and pray. So what would they be watching?

- They would be watching Jesus suffer in grief, sweating blood asking the father, if possible, take this cup away. But saying nevertheless not his will but Gods will be done.
- Jesus was trying to be an example, to show peter how to preserve but because was asleep he missed it and failed when his time came
(Luke 22:54-65 nlt)
- Remember the crown of life is promised to those who love God and remain faithful even in the face of death. So because peter failed to remain faithful, denying him 3 times. God restore him when he repented
(John 21:15-19 nlt)
- When Jesus says the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Hes not talking about the Holy Spirit. Hes talking about the human spirit.
- When Jesus said that. The Holy Spirit wasn't been sent yet. So because the flesh is weak especially for the things of God. Even tho your spirit is willing you will not execute on your willingness because you don't have the helper to strengthen your weakness
- Nothing good dwells in our flesh **(Romans 7:19-25 nlt)**
- You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit if the Spirit of God dwells in you
(Romans 8:1-11 nkjv)