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A STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF MARK

A verbal commitment to Jesus will be met with a test of true commitment.

Mark 14:31 *But Peter insisted emphatically, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the others said the same.*

The key to overcoming your denial trial is found in the garden.

Mark 14:32-36 *They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,” he said to them. “Stay here and keep watch.” Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. “Abba, Father,” he said, “everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”*

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- Praise – “...everything is possible for you.”
- Repent – not applicable to Jesus
- Ask – “Take this cup from me.”
- Yield – “Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

Mark 14:37-38 *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?” “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

A prayerless person is a powerless person.

Mark 14:39-42 *Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. 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 hand of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”*

Surprise:

The number of times Peter was found asleep and not praying is the same number of times he denied Jesus.

Pray ahead of your denial trial!

- Assume your denial trial is coming.
- Remember that your flesh is weak.
- Anticipate your temptation moments.