





## SO WHAT? (APPLICATION):

Here we move toward first-person pronouns as we begin to consider how we must **respond** to what God has said in His Word.

**This account of Jesus' travail in prayer is valuable for at least two reasons:**

1. It shows us that even Jesus, the sinless One, struggled with the whole idea of obeying his Father. From this we can see an important truth: it is not wrong for us to struggle with our desire to obey God. Even Jesus struggled in this way.
  - Have you ever struggled with your feelings and desires with regards to obedience to God's will in a matter? Are you struggling now with such a matter?
  - What was/is at stake that has made obedience such a struggle for you?
  - How have you handled that struggle in the past? How do you want to handle that struggle differently in the future?
2. This text also shows us that even the Son experienced silence from Heaven in response to his prayer, even though he cried out in anguish.
  - Have you experienced (or are you now experiencing) the heartache of unanswered prayer?
  - Most of us have lived long enough to know we're glad God hasn't always given us what we were sure we needed. But sometimes even in hindsight, we cannot see why God would refuse to give us what we desperately prayer for. How can we handle this kind of spiritual disappointment?