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## **The Prayer in the Garden**

### **Mathew 26:36-46**

**36** Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.” **37** And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. **38** Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.”

**39** He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*.” **40** Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? **41** Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.” **42** Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.” **43** And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. **44** So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. **45** Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “Are *you* still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. **46** Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.”

**Jesus remained faithful to the mission in the midst of sorrow, disappointment, and betrayal.**

We need to be reminded of the meaning of Gethsemane. It's a combination of 2 Hebrew words: GAT and SHMANIM, which means "the place where oil is pressed". In essence, the more pressure, the more oil.

**When we submit under times of great pressure, then and only then will we receive a greater anointing.**

At an olive press, olives were gathered into rough sacks and stacked one on top of another. Then, a beam was lowered onto the stack and increasing weight was added to the end of the beam to press oil from the olives. The more pressure, the more oil.

**James 4:7 "Submit yourselves, then to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.**

We can not resist the devil without an anointing. Be careful how you respond to the pressures of life, because its those pressures that could very well be anointing you to endure and cause the devil to flee!

**Our level of submission to the Lord will determine whether or not we will be able to resist the devil. No submission = no resistance.**

**Great anointing is always the result of how great pressure is handled.**

God wants to anoint your finances. How will you handle that pressure?

God wants to anoint your marriage. How will you handle that pressure?

God wants to anoint your decisions. How will you handle that pressure?

God wants to anoint your mind. How will you handle that pressure?

God wants to anoint your prayers. How will you handle that pressure?

God wants to anoint your sons and daughters. How will you handle that pressure?

God wants to anoint your pain. How will you handle that pressure?

God wants to anoint your seasons of betrayal. How will you handle that pressure?

God wants to anoint your challenges. How will you handle that pressure?

**SHOUT: I WILL FULLY SUBMIT TO GOD IN THE MIDST OF THE PRESSURE, SO THAT I CAN RECEIVE A NEW ANOINTING!**

It is so divinely unique that four years ago today, my family and I left West Monroe and moved to Georgia. Needless to say, we were under various types of pressure, change, realignment, redirection, leaving a place where we had served for 17 years. We were excited, we were anxious, we left a comfortable place to venture into the unknown by faith. We can honestly testify that EVERYTHING we went through during that season placed us in a brand new olive press that brought us to a place of total submission and surrender to the plan, the calling, and the voice of God like we had never experienced. And, four years to the day of our departure, here I stand before you speaking to you about being rooted in submission. Look at the hand and the plan of God!!! The olive press of the past 4 years squeezed something brand new out of us and anointed us for our return to The Assembly. God never wastes a pressing season, if you will simply submit to the pressing, a fresh anointing will come forth!!! If we had not submitted, we would have never been anointed for our return to this house.

**There's a new place of victory for you that you will only find through your submission to the Lord.**

We need to stop misunderstanding the meaning of this word "submission". In principle, this word has very little to do with power, or authority. It has very little to do with titles, status, or chain of command. At its core, it means to be **UNDER THE MISSION**.

"Submission" is often misunderstood in marriage. It has been used as a power play against wives for years. It has caused mental and emotional

damage, and it has even ripped marriages and families apart. A prideful, arrogant, insecure person will always cause damage with their perverted and twisted understanding of “submission”.

Let's look at Gods model and design for submission in marriage for a moment.

**Ephesians 5:21-25 “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.**

Husbands and wives are both called to be UNDER THE MISSION of what this verse just described. Each have a clearly designed mission that requires an interdependence at all times. If only half of the mission is being accomplished, the mission fails. Therefore, submission fails. Both the husband and the wife have to fulfill there God-given missions to fully function as a unit that remains UNDER THE MISSION.

God made Eve from Adam's side, not his feet. God did not make Eve from Adams head. The husband is the head and the wife is beside him as a helpmate, and they both have to function in their specific mission in order for their marriage to be **UNDER THE MISSION**. In other words:  
**Neither the husband or the wife is over the mission, God is.**

## **1. God has a mission for our worship.**

**John 4:23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.**

- Breath of God / Authority of God
- Wind / example of the jet stream
- To be in reality what it appears to be
- The truth sets us free

## **2. God has a mission to bless our finances.**

**Malachi 3:10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, “says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.**

## **3. God has a mission for our future.**

**Psalm 37:7 Consider the blameless, observe the upright; a future awaits those who seek peace.**

**Psalm 102:8 Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD.**

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Are you committed to be submitted to the mission? Are you ready to be  
UNDER THE MISSION that God is establishing for you and this church?