

Matthew 26:31-75
Sorrow, surrender, strength, and salvation

The entire Bible is the story of God's redeeming love.

The Bible begins in Genesis with God walking among us in the garden, and the Bible ends in Revelation with God dwelling with us again on the earth.

Unlike Adam, who gave in to temptation and rebelled against God in the Garden of Eden, Jesus chooses to obey and follow the plan in the Garden of Gethsemane.

1. Jesus does not sin with His question to the Father, He simply brings the weight of the moment to the Father.
2. Jesus was genuinely burdened by the cup that He was about to drink.

Jesus is burdened by the cup of wrath that He is about to drink.

3. Jesus never disagreed with the plan of the cross, He prayed to surrender to the will that He desired to obey.

Applying this to your relationship with God:

1. Disagreeing with the Lord is the beginning of rebellion
2. Prayer is the pursuit of God's will
3. The steps we walk in obedience should be preceded by time on our knees in prayer
4. God hears your prayer and attends to your needs.

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! By Fanny Crosby
Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child, and forever, I am.

Redeemed, redeemed,
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Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
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Disagreeing with the Lord is the beginning of rebellion

- This could be a focus of the sermon...

Praying according to God's will accompanies the surrender of your will

Praying for God's will to be done is the way that we pursue God's will in our lives.

The steps we walk in obedience should be preceded by time on our knees in prayer

We shouldn't be obeying without praying. There is no obeying without praying.

How do you confirm God's will? Where does your peace come from? Do you have a relationship with the rules or with the one who made them? Jesus models for us a relationship with the rule maker that results in following the rules.

Jesus shows us that doing God's will flows from drawing near to Him.

Persevere in praying God's will for the benefit of conforming your heart and mind rather than changing the mind of God.

The prayers of Jesus are movement in the direction of God's will not away from it.

One writer noted that when Jesus prays to the Father in this passage there is subtle change from the first prayer to the last.

Timeline of the passage:

Supper & Garden- Sermon on surrender

Betrayal & Trial- Teaching on suffering for righteousness sake

Denial & Restoration (see John's Gospel)- Message on repentance & restoration vs. betrayal and judgment.