

THE CROSS OF CHRIST: THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

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He went out and made his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he told them, "Pray that you may not fall into temptation." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and began to pray, Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me—nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him. Being in anguish, he prayed more fervently, and his sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. When he got up from prayer and came to the disciples, he found them sleeping, exhausted from their grief. Why are you sleeping? He asked them. "Get up and pray, so that you won't fall into temptation."

Luke 22:39-46 CSB

Three Lessons From The Garden:

1. When Tempted, Do Not Retreat

"He went out and made his way as usual to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him." **Luke 22:39 CSB**

Don't Allow the **Pressure** to Keep you from the **Presence** of God.

2. When Tempted, Do Not Stop Caring for Others

*When he reached the place, he told them, "Pray that you may not **fall into temptation**. "Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, **knelt down**, and began to pray.""* **Luke 22:40-41 CSB**

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but One who has been tested in every way as we are, yet without sin." **Hebrews 4:15 CSB**

3. When Tempted, Do Not Give In

*"Father, if you are willing, **take this cup away from me** – nevertheless, not my will but yours, be done."* **Luke 22:42 CSB**

"But God proves his own love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." **Romans 5:8 CSB**