

## Article 113 - Dereliction of Duty

### I. Slide#1 **Announce:**

- A. Slide#2 Persecuted Church Sunday - [icommittopray.com](http://icommittopray.com) [you can post your own prayer]
- B. Slide#3 Next Sunday Movie Night - Not Today, Trailer. Slide#4 after film
- C. Slide#5 Adoption Awareness Month
  - 1. Orphan Sunday was Nov 3rd.
  - 2. Nov 23rd ICA is having a community event at the CCBC. All are invited. Charlotte Paulsen, Executive Director
  - 3. We'd like to honor all the adoptive parents and foster parents at our church.
- D. Slide#6 Veterans Day - Let's join our city in either Down Town Murrieta or Town Square Park. Parade starts 10am.
  - 1. **Memorial Day** is for remembering & honoring military personnel who **died** in the service of their country. **Veterans Day** is intended to thank and honor all those who **served/serving** honorably in the military...in wartime or peacetime.
    - a) Slide#7 **Veterans Day** is largely intended to thank **living Veterans** for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated, and to underscore the fact that **all** those who served - *not only those who died* - have **sacrificed and done their duty**.

### II. Intro:

- A. Slide#8 Title: *Article 113 - Dereliction of Duty*
- B. Last week we looked at the wonderful **fellowship** *in* the Upper Room, **but now** they must be **warned** of the danger *outside*.
- C. Slide#9 UCMJ (Uniform Code of Military Justice) **Article 113 "Misbehavior of sentinel"** includes components of behavior that are, in themselves, examples of *Dereliction of Duty*:
  - 1. **[1] Drunk** while on post **[2] Sleeping** while on post **[3] Leaving** one's post w/o being properly relieved.
    - a) A service member who is derelict has **willfully refused** to perform his duties (**or follow** a given order). It can include the person falling asleep while on duty requiring wakefulness, getting drunk or otherwise intoxicated and consequently being unable to perform his duties, shooting himself and thus being unable to perform any duty, or his vacating his post contrary to regulations.
- D. Outline: **Leaving One's Post**; **Drunk**<sub>(w/himself)</sub> **While on Post**; **Sleeping While on Post**.

### III. Slide#10 **LEAVING ONE'S POST (27,28)**

- A. (27,28) You will stumble/fall away –

1. **Stumble how?** – Probably over the fact that Jesus, as Messiah, didn't assert His divine power in overthrowing His enemies, but rather submitted to them & allowed himself to be crucified.
2. Paul said in 1 Cor.1:23 **but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness.** Same root as here [σκανδαλον]
3. **Stumbling** – Literally it was, "the stick which an animal stumbled over causing the trap to shut"
  - a) Here it is used to denote "something that trips men up."

B. Jesus quoted **Zechariah 13:7** here.

1. **To save the flock, the Shepherd had to be smitten.**
2. **I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.** Jn.10:11

#### IV. Slide#11 **DRUNK WHILE ON POST (29-31)**

A. (29) **I will not stumble/fall away** – Peter, drunk with pride. Carnal self-confidence.

B. **Poor Peter, he did not know how weak he was.** (Pete leaning in, whispering to Jesus) "*I wouldn't be surprised at the rest of these guys, but I'd never do that.*"

1. **Had he forgotten the traps that life can lay** for the best of men?
2. **Had he forgotten that the best of men can step on a slippery place & fall?**
3. **Had he forgotten his own human weakness?**
4. **Had he forgotten the traps that life can throw at us?**
5. **Had he forgotten the strength of the devil's temptations?**
6. **Peter seemed to have a problem with applying Jesus' commands to himself.**

a) **Do you ever have a problem w/personal application?**

(1) Ever **run away** from a situation because of your Christianity? Ever **deny** Jesus by not standing up for right & wrong...before friends, in conversations?

b) "Let the man condemn Peter who never broke a promise, who never was disloyal in thought, or action to a pledge." William Barclay, pg.342

7. **\*Don't miss the integrity of Peter having Mark write down his embarrassing words.**

C. (31) **I will not deny You** –

1. Instead of humbly praying, "**Lord, help me!**" Peter kept on asserting "**the more vehemently**".

D. Peter was not the only one with pride & boasting self-confidence...*And they all said likewise.*

1. **They were all pathetically unaware of their inner weakness.**

2. **Do you empathize or fail to empathize w/Peter's declarations?**

a) Let's remember, "I'm *not* ok & you're *not* ok, **but Jesus** can fix us both."

3. **Peter loved Jesus, & even if his loved failed, it rose again!**

E. We should always heed Jesus' warnings, for He knows what is coming.

## V. Slide#12 SLEEPING WHILE ON POST (32-42)

A. Slide#13 OLIVE PITS (32-34)

B. Here is a passage we almost *fear to read*, for it seems to **intrude** into the **private agony** of Jesus.

1. Weird, the 11 are asked to stay back, **but we** are invited in.

C. (32) **Gethsemane** – means “oil press”.

1. A press for squeezing the oil out of olive pits.

a) Used for **cooking**, as **hairedressing**, as a **salve**, & for **fuel** in the lamps of the day.

D. (33) **He took Peter, James & John.**

1. The same men who accompanied Him to the home of Jairus; & to the Mount of Transfiguration.

a) Warren Wiersbe notes that these 3 experiences parallel Philip.3:10, **that I may know Him [Mount of Trans] and the power of His resurrection [home of Jairus], and the fellowship of His sufferings [Garden of Gethsemane].**

E. **Deeply distressed** – “being in the grip of a *shuddering horror* in the face of the dreadful prospect before him.” (LKGNT)

1. Heb.5:7,8 **While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God. Even though Jesus was God's Son, he *learned obedience* from the things he **suffered**. (*learned obedience*, i.e. learned the full meaning & cost of obed)**

F. Slide#14 DISFELLOWSHIPED BY GOD (34)

G. (34) **Even to death** - “this burden is *killing* me, is *crushing* the life out of me.”

1. He **wasn't** cringing in the face of **physical death**, **instead** He was dreading the moment when His Father's face would be turned away from him.

a) The One who had lived every moment of His life **in fellowship w/God the Father**, was about to experience *total separation*.

b) **Maybe**, the husband who is separated for the 1st time from his marriage partner of 60 yrs, can just start to understand what *separation from another* means?

2. ***I don't know what being disfellowshipped by God feels like...but be assured... every soul in hell does!***

3. Jesus' prayers reveal the **conflict** in **His holy soul** as He faced bearing the sins of the world on the cross.

H. **Slide#15 I COME TO THE GARDEN ALONE** (35a)

I. He leaves 8 disciples at the **front gate**...**then** the inner circle, a stones throw away...then goes it alone.

1. Did you know the hymn, *I come to the garden alone*, has nothing to do with Gethsemane? [Instead, it's re: *Mary Magdalene* at res16:9]
2. **But in this case**, He is in the garden alone.

J. **Slide#16 CUP-A-SOUP** (35b,36)

K. **This cup** – a metaphor for His death. Staring into the cup He must drink, seeing/swirling all sins. His own Caster oil. *What was in this cup?*

1. **Slide#17a CUP-a-SIN** – a cup brimming full of jealousy, hatred, & covetousness... which He must drink.
2. **Slide#17b CUP-a-WRATH** – As sin-bearer, He became the object of the Father's holy **wrath** against sin.
  - a) 2 Cor.5:21 **For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**
  - b) God treats Christ like he lived your life. God treats us like we lived His life.
  - c) *Salvation isn't addition or subtraction, its **substitution**.* (Levi Lusko instagram today)
3. **Slide#17c CUP-a-CURSE** Gal.3:13 **Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us** for it's written, Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree

L. **And Jesus** would drink the **entire** chalice of: Man's sin & God's wrath & the Law's curse. *He drank it all.*

1. **Ex:** As an Altar Boy, early 1970's(explain mixing water/wine). **Watching the priest drink it all.**
2. When you have a Gethsemane experience, pray what He prayed, **Not what I will, but what you will.**

M. **Slide#18 SLEEPING SENTRIES** (37)

N. Note who he singles out...**Simon**. (old name)

1. **"Simon, you will go to your death with me, but you won't stay awake & pray w/me?"**
2. The same Simon who fell asleep **3 times**, will also deny Him the **same number**.
3. **Slide#19 Denial**, *If only 3 were the limit.* Michael Belk, Fashion Photographer, [JourneyswiththeMessiah.org](http://JourneyswiththeMessiah.org)

O. Ask **your will**, **"will, are you ready to pray for an hour?"** When it replies, **yes**...Then link arms with **your will**. And know, that traitorous emotions will begin kicking & screaming; biting, fighting. It will be a weary wrestle with contrary emotions, truant imaginations, even your day planner...screaming for attention. **Some emotions** will come with clenched jaw, **others** with a velvety voice; both seeking the same, one thing, your distraction.

P. **Slide#20 CALL OF DUTY (38-42)**

Q. (38) **Watch & pray** – Or, **be alert** as you pray. [Keep your spiritual eyes open, for the enemy is near]

R. **Lest you** enter into temptation – Jesus sought prayer, **not** for himself, **but** for **them**.

1. Jesus wasn't pouting, "*hey, you guys weren't there for Me.*" **But** instead was pleading, "*you don't realize the **results** if you're not prayed up.*"
2. **What temptations were they about to face?**
  - a) **The temptation to doubt, scatter, deny** Him.
  - b) **The temptation to lose faith, lose trust, lose hope.**
3. **Wouldn't their outcome have been different if they would have prayed for the hour? Wouldn't ours?**

S. At least he recognizes their **spirit was willing/ready**.

1. **Is my spirit even willing? Or, is it also weak?**

T. (39,40) **Wow, Jesus praying the same prayer?**...I guess he does want us to pray sometimes more than once for the same petition.

U. **Was Jesus Prayers heard?** – Luke tells us that in Gethsemane, before the 3rd prayer, an angel was sent to strengthen Him.

1. Thus the Father answered, **not by taking away** the cup; **but by** helping Him to **endure** the cup.
2. **Brothers & sisters will He respond to your prayers any different?**

V. **They did not know what to answer Him** – **Have you ever felt this way?**

1. **Parents** – sometimes your **kids** aren't going to have a good answer either. **(Because there is no good answer)**

W. (41,42) **The hour** – the hour for His betrayal, the hour for trial, & the hour for crucifixion.

X. **Slide#21 TEACH US TO PRAY**

Y. **How do we deal with our own Gethsemane's?** **A:** Exactly how Jesus dealt with His. *How was that?*

1. **Slide#22,23 With Dependent prayer** – **All things are possible for You (36)**
  - a) 100% Dependence upon God, & Him alone.
2. **With Intense prayer** – **Troubled & deeply distressed (33)**
3. **With Honest prayer** – **Take this cup away (36)**
4. **With a Submissive heart** – **Nevertheless... (36)**
5. **With Intimate prayer** – **Abba, Father (36)**
6. **With a Surrendered heart** – **Not what I will, but what You will (36)**

- a) Slide#24 Often times, dependent prayer **won't** deliver us **from** our Gethsemane's, **more often** it delivers us **through** them.

Z. Slide#25 **Peter's** Result of Prayerlessness:

1. Next week we'll see why it was specifically important for **Peter** to be praying.
  - a) Because when his crisis came, he reached for the **wrong** sword.
  - b) **Simon Peter did damage to another human being, which is characteristic of people who are not prayed up.**
  - c) We become **hateful or hurtful, bitter or ugly** in our relationship with others in our dealings with them.

AA. Slide#26 **Jesus'** Result of Prayer:

1. This passage begins with Jesus on His **face**; ends with Him on His **feet**.
2. This passage begins with Jesus ready to **give up**; ends w/Him ready to **get started**.
3. This passage begins with Jesus wanting to **walk away**; ends with Him ready for **the confrontation**.
4. **He is reenergized!**
5. Slide#27,28 Is.40:31 *But those who **wait** on the Lord Shall **renew** their strength;  
They shall **mount up** with wings like eagles,  
They shall **run** and **not** be weary, They shall **walk** and **not** faint.*