

God's Will

Mark 14:32-52

1. Watch & Pray to Avoid Falling into Temptation vs. 32-42

The time has come in which Jesus is about to endure God's eschatological judgment. Jesus in desperation, prayerfully seeks Father God's will as He prepares to face this unspeakably terrifying experience.

Jesus knows that his disciples will soon face the temptation to abandon God's will and so He instructs Peter, James and John to watch and pray so that they might be faithful and avoid failure.

In this world we will face the temptation to abandon God's will. We need to prepare ourselves each day through leaning God's Word and prayerfully seeking God's Will for our lives.

Questions:

- How do I prepare myself each day to serve the Lord? Am I seeking God's will? Are my prayers scripture driven?
- Why is it important to know that Jesus experienced extreme emotional distress, yet still submitted to the Father's will? (Hebrews 4:14-16)

2. World is Opposed to God's Will Vs. 43-52

With how Judas betrayed Jesus, the Sanhedrin are opposed to Jesus, and the other disciples responding negatively towards Jesus' agenda, Jesus reveals that this world is not a place where God's will is being done. That is why Jesus came, to die on the cross for our sin, and rose again three days later so anyone who believes in Jesus can be transformed.

In this world, God's will is not happening all the time in every place. Only through Jesus Christ can we look forward to the day when He returns and transforms the world. As we wait for that day, Jesus taught His disciples to pray "May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10)

Questions:

- How can I trust God with circumstances I do not understand or that seem overwhelmingly difficult?