

Unexpected: The Gospel of the Servant King When Following Is Difficult

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Mark 14:32-42 (Pages 827, 1008, or 1020)

Big Idea: Everyday followers of Jesus follow his example of _____.

1. _____ up.

2. _____ up.

3. _____ and _____.

Read the Bible this year

Pastor Brad encouraged us to read the Bible in 2020. Here's some help getting started. Each day this week read from the Old and New Testament. Or, if you prefer, read just from one testament. Enjoy!

1. **Leviticus 25; Mark 1**
2. **Leviticus 26-27; Mark 2**
3. **Numbers 1-2; Mark 3**
4. **Numbers 3-4**
5. **Numbers 5-6; Mark 4**
6. **Numbers 7-8**
7. **Numbers 9-11**

Life Group Questions

1. Read **Mark 14:32-42**. If you were Jesus, what do you think would have been the most troubling, or difficult part of your experience in the garden: being let down by your friends, submitting to God's will, knowing that the cross was waiting for you, or something else?

2. Read **Mark 14:34-39**. What did Jesus tell His disciples to do?

What was Jesus' mood?

How many times did Jesus go away from His disciples to pray?

What did He pray each time He prayed?

How long was He praying alone?

How did God answer His prayer?

What do you learn from Jesus' example of praying that night in Gethsemane?

3. Three times in this passage, v.**36, 39, 41**, Jesus prayed that God's will be done. What do you pray for most?

4. In **Mark 14:38**, Jesus says to His disciples (and perhaps to you), "The Spirit is willing, but the body is weak." Where do these words apply to you in your life?

5. Jesus didn't struggle with obedience to His Father during the trials or on the cross. His struggle with obedience was in Gethsemane. That's where He was tempted to disobey God's will. Where is your "Gethsemane", where you struggle to obey God: relationship struggles, work struggles, personal struggles, or spiritual struggles?

6. Read **Genesis 2:16-17** and **3:6-7**. Adam had a choice to obey God's command and didn't. Read **Mark 14:36**. Do you think Jesus in His humanity had a similar choice to obey God's will concerning the crucifixion?

What's the difference in how Adam and Jesus each made their decision?

Where in your life can you relate to either Adam or Jesus in your choices?

7. In **Mark 14:38**, Jesus told His disciples to “watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.” Watch for what? Pray for what? What temptation could possibly be there in a bunch of olive trees in the middle of the night?

8. Jesus was about to endure one of the most gruesome deaths imaginable in obedience to God’s will. In light of that, how do you account for the way Jesus addresses God in v.**36** using the term “Abba”? What do you learn from this when it comes to your life?

9. In just a short time Jesus and His disciples went from a warm, friendly dinner (**Mark 14:18**) to Jesus being betrayed and arrested (**Mark 14:43-49**). Give an example from your life when your circumstances changed dramatically in just a short time.

How do the principles in this passage about obedience and prayer affect how we navigate those situations?