

REVIVAL MINISTRY

Wednesday Minute "Gethsemane!", April 8, 2020

"He went away a second time and prayed, "MY FATHER, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may YOUR will be done." Matthew 26:42 NIV

Read: Matthew 26: 36-46

Gethsemane, the garden JESUS chose to use to talk with HIS FATHER. We all need a special place to talk with OUR FATHER. Of course, GOD is ready to hear us whenever or wherever we go to HIM in prayer. We might be pushing a shopping cart, waiting at a red light or preparing for bed. Anywhere we are, GOD is listening.

Still, there are those times of deep and longing prayers that make us feel like they need that special place. You may not have a garden or altar to knee on, but you can have a place of solitude away from the world and all the distractions of life. I pray all day, no matter where I am, but I have a special alone place. I have a small chair in my closet for those special alone times. I find comfort in that little chair embraced with GOD.

JESUS had finished HIS final meal with HIS disciples. HE had just told them of the betrayal to come and of Peter denying HIM three times. Saddened, JESUS took three of HIS disciples with HIM into the garden where shortly HE would be arrested and taken away. HE left the three to be alone with HIS FATHER.

As JESUS fell to the ground, HE prayed: "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from ME. Yet not as I will, but as YOU will." (Matthew 26:39) JESUS knew what was about to happen. Still, HE prayed "...not as I will, but as YOU will."

When you pray, in your Gethsemane, do you pray "as YOU will"? As you beg for help, ask for material things, pray for others or ask to be rescued from problems,

do you sincerely pray to GOD that all you ask be done as HE wills? In OUR LORD'S PRAYER, JESUS taught us to pray for our FATHER'S will to be done.

Find your special Gethsemane and start each prayer with "Thank YOU, LORD" and end it with "as YOU will".

Today's Prayer:

"JESUS, MY LORD, Thank YOU for coming to rescue me from the death of this world. Help me today to be more open to coming to YOU in prayer at all times and for allowing me my own Gethsemane time with YOU. I pray this in grateful praise. May YOUR will be done in my life. Amen."

Feel HIS Blessings!

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