

## INTERMEDIATE SUNDAY SCHOOL

23 November 2025

### Text: Matthew 26

<sup>36</sup> Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there."

<sup>37</sup> And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.

<sup>38</sup> Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

<sup>39</sup> He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will*."

<sup>40</sup> Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?"

<sup>41</sup> Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak."

<sup>42</sup> Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."

<sup>43</sup> And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

<sup>44</sup> So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

<sup>45</sup> Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are *you* still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

<sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

Matthew 26:36-46

### PRAYER IN THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE III

#### PRAYING A SECOND TIME

Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done."

Matthew 26:42

1. The Second Prayer was different now
  - a) If the Cup cannot pass away
  - b) The Lord Jesus must drink the Cup
2. Your will be done
  - a) The struggle was nearly over
  - b) Submission was being made
  - c) The Father's Will to be accepted

### **CHECKING ON THE DISCIPLES A SECOND TIME**

<sup>43</sup> And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

<sup>44</sup> So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Matthew 26:43-44

1. The Disciples were "asleep again"
2. Their eyes were heavy
  - a) Their spirit had not prevailed
  - b) Their flesh had dominance
3. The Lord left them

### **THE THIRD PRAYER**

1. The same words
  - a) Not the first prayer
  - b) But the second prayer
2. Total submission to the Father's Will
  - a) The Lord had accepted the Father's Will
  - b) There was no need to pray further on this matter

## **THE WILL OF GOD**

<sup>1</sup>I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service.

<sup>2</sup>And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2

1. To present the body to God as a living sacrifice
2. This is holy, acceptable and reasonable
3. The mind is not conformed to this world
4. The mind is transformed through being renewed
5. The will of God is understood and proven
  - a) Good
  - b) Acceptable
  - c) Perfect

## **CHECKING ON THE DISCIPLES THE THIRD TIME**

<sup>45</sup> Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are *you* still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

<sup>46</sup> Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand."

Matthew 26:45-46

1. Are you still sleeping and resting?
2. The hour (of His death) is at hand
3. The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners
4. Rise... See... My betrayer is at hand

## **OUR CHALLENGE**

1. To see how Prayer had helped the Lord Jesus
2. To be challenged to overcome the weakness of the flesh
3. To find courage and strength to face harsh circumstances of life