

“When Praying Is Excruciating”

Immitating Jesus In The Vexing Places Of Life

Jeremiah 37-38 (665); Luke 22:39-47 (882)

Many times our communion with the Lord is sweet and contented. What fellowship Jesus must have had with his Father during other periods! But now in the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus provides for us a true example of *excruciating* petition (“remove this cup from me”) with complete acquiescence to his Father’s will (“not my will”). Learn from Jesus’ example to turn to your Father in prayer even when his hard providences lead you through suffering, pain, and even death. Learn what it means to “rise and pray” (v 46)!

I. When the _____ is one of failure (v 39)

1. How much _____ it is to pray during times of _____!
2. Where do you _____ during fear, emptiness, sickness or _____?

II. When the _____ is in agony (v 41 - 42a, 44)

1. Does it bother you to see the _____ of your salvation in _____?
2. Hear the _____ nature of the _____ he is called to drink!

III. _____ When the _____ is debilitating (v 40, 45)

1. The disciples had had a week-long _____.
2. Our sorrow is sometimes _____ - _____. Faith _____ us.

IV. _____ When the _____ comes (v 42b – 43; He. 7:25; Ro. 8:22-27)

1. Jesus was _____ by Heaven and promised to be _____.
2. In excruciating circumstances, _____ intercession and the _____ intercession mean we can _____ in the Father’s will – no matter what.