

### A CALL TO SURRENDER

*They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."<sup>33</sup> He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.<sup>34</sup> "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."<sup>35</sup> Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him.<sup>36</sup> "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."<sup>37</sup> Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour?<sup>38</sup> Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."<sup>39</sup> Once more he went away and prayed the same thing.<sup>40</sup> When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him.<sup>41</sup> Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners.<sup>42</sup> Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"*

Mark 14:32-42 (NIV)

#### ❖ The PLACE of Surrender

*"They went to a place called Gethsemane..."*

1. Gethsemane is a compound word meaning OIL PRESS.
2. Olive oil was the base for many MEDICINES and PERFUMES in that time.
3. Jesus chose this place to SURRENDER as the disciples chose to SCATTER.

*"You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written: "'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.'"<sup>28</sup> But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."<sup>29</sup> Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not."<sup>30</sup> "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times."<sup>31</sup> But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.*

Mark 14:27-31 (NIV)

#### ❖ The PRAYER of Surrender

*"Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."<sup>33</sup> He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.<sup>34</sup> "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."<sup>35</sup> Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him."*

Mark 14:32b-35 (NIV)

1. Jesus found help in PRAYING with OTHERS.

2. Jesus' HUMANITY shows as he recognizes the SURRENDER He is about to make.
3. Jesus reveals that it is okay to ASK for ANYTHING, but only if in God's will.

❖ The PAIN of Surrender

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Mark 14:36-40 (NIV)

1. Jesus can pray this way because He has an INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP with God.
2. Jesus reveals to us OUR WEAKNESS as we seek to be faithful and submit to Him.
3. Jesus stays true to His PURPOSE while the Disciples just fall back to sleep.

❖ The PEACE of Surrender

*Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. <sup>42</sup> Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"*

Mark 14:41-42 (NIV)

1. That's a good QUESTION for all of us. It's time to WAKE UP.  
*"Are you still sleeping and resting"*
2. That's a good CHALLENGE for us to hear. It's time to make a DECISION.  
*"Enough! The Hour has come."*
3. That's a good CHARGE to all of us it's time to get up and GET MOVING.  
*"Rise! Let us go!"*