

Matthew 26:36-46

Gethsemane

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Intro – Interactive service note handouts are attached to end of this document.

Matthew 7 - When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were *astonished at His teaching*. Later, they said: "*No one ever spoke the way this Man does.*"

Matthew 26:36 - Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be *troubled* and *deeply distressed*. Then He said to them, "My soul is *overwhelmed with sorrow, to the point of death.*"

Lowell Johnson: Olives were harvested by taking a long stick and *beating* the branches so the ripe olives fall on a sheet-like cloth. The olives would be dumped into a round stone trough and would be *crushed* by a man or donkey advancing a wooden arm attached to a heavy round stone. The olive mush was then collected and put into bags. These bags would be stacked on top of each other and a long tree trunk was placed on the bags to *squeeze* out even more oil. Then stones were attached to the tree trunk to *crush* even more oil from the sacks.

v. 39 - He fell on His face, and prayed.

1. Pray as a child to a loving Father.

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Good communication from a child to a parent should involve freedom and trust.

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2. Pray as a child to a powerful Father.

v. 39 - Jesus prayed, "My Father, if it's possible, may this cup be taken from Me."

Mark 14:36 - Jesus said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for You."

v. 39 - Father, if it's possible, let this cup pass from Me...

v. 42 - My Father, if this cup can't pass from Me unless I drink it, Your will be

v. 44 - He prayed the third time saying the same words.

Isa. 51:17 - You have drunk from the hand of the LORD the cup of His wrath.

Jeremiah 25:15 - This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, said to me: "Take from My hand this cup filled with the wine of My wrath."

Romans 1:18 - The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:21 - God made Him who had no sin (Jesus) to be sin for us.

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3. Pray as a child to an all-knowing Father.

v. 42 - Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup can't pass away from Me unless I drink it, *Your will be done.*”

v. 45 - 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. Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.”

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Luke 22:42-43 - [Jesus prayed] "Father, if it's Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done." Then an angel from heaven appeared and strengthened Him.

Benediction: Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to His power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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