



A Model of Prayerful Trust, Part 2 • Luke 22:39–46

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Main Theme: In this passage, we see that while Jesus was well aware of His own testing, He was also aware of a war that would rage — for the minds, hearts, and souls of His disciples. On this night of Jesus' arrest, Jesus was wanting His disciples to be victorious over the temptations they would face.

“Pray That You Will Not Fall Into Temptation.” (Verse 40):

The word used here for “temptation” is a verb used in the New Testament to describe one of two things — the act of someone either testing or tempting someone. It can refer to both positive testing, such as examining the quality or faithfulness of a person, or negative testing, such as tempting someone to do evil. The context of when the word is used determines whether the emphasis is on testing or temptation that happens to someone.

- It's not a sin to be tested or tempted. Jesus was being tested — without sin. The disciples were being tempted — capable of sin.
- Testing can be endured, and Temptation can be resisted.
- We need to know the source of our temptation.

Jesus Asks, “Why Are You Sleeping?” (Verse 45):

Jesus is asking a rhetorical question — He knew why they were sleeping. A quick glance at this may lead us to think the disciples were indifferent to Jesus, and really naïve about what was happening. Luke notes how the disciples were exhausted from sorrow.

So, this is not a matter of whether the disciples cared, this is a matter of the disciples caring to much and trying to do so in their own strength.

Jesus Says, “Get Up And Pray So That You Will Not Fall Into Temptation.” (Verse 46):

The origin of this prophetic word, “to get up,” is used to describe resurrection, particularly the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the future resurrection of believers. On a practical way, this term can also imply, “a call to stand up for a purpose.”

The verb that is used in this passage to denote “the act of praying” is emphasizing the content of the prayer. It emphasizes the end and aim, which is about belonging to the subject of the prayer — God, and belonging to God.

Discussion Questions:

- What are the differences between faith being tested and temptation?
- What are some temptations that are common among people?
- Why is the invitation of Christ for us to “get up” so important to us all?
- Why is Jesus’ instruction to pray so important to us all?