



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

October 8th, 2023: 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Series: From God's Heart to Our Lives: Faithfulness

Theme: 1) Faithful for you 2) Faithful to you 3) Faithful through you

Matthew 26:36-42

³⁶Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

³⁹Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

⁴⁰Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. ⁴¹"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

⁴²He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

1. Have you ever thought about going on a trip to Israel? Which place would you most want to see?
2. On the night before he was crucified, Jesus said he was "overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death." What is the difference between Jesus being overwhelmed and the sinful kind of worrying that the Bible forbids?

3. Agree or Disagree: Since Jesus is true God, it was impossible for him to sin by disobeying his Father's will.
4. Agree or Disagree: Since Jesus is true God, he couldn't have sinned, and therefore, this temptation wasn't really that hard on him.
5. Why is Jesus' active obedience to his Father's will throughout his life just as important to our salvation as his innocent suffering and death (passive obedience)?
6. Jesus was innocent and yet "it [was] not possible for the cup to be taken away unless [he] drank it. For what reasons was this true?"
7. "No matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ." (1 Corinthians 1:20). What are the promises he has made that are most special to you personally?
8. Jesus has been faithful for you. God has been faithful to you. In what ways does his faithfulness transform your life of faithfulness?