

It is in suffering alone that we learn to submit ourselves to the Father and say, as Christ did in Gethsemane, "Your will, not mine." And that is when we come to truly understand Christianity.

Angelise Anderson

All of us, at one time or another—perhaps right now—have clasped our grubby little fingers too tightly around our kids, possessions, money, hopes, and expectations and then demanded that God uphold our agendas, incessantly "inviting" him to bless our ambitions. All of us are like that little boy and that grown man: our wants come first and pity the person who gets in the way, including God. "It's our way, or the highway."

Greg Herrick

In the first garden "Not your will but mine" changed Paradise to desert and brought man from Eden to Gethsemane. Now "Not my will but yours" brings anguish to the man who prays it but transforms the desert into the kingdom and brings man from Gethsemane to the gates of glory.

D.A. Carson

Above all, *let us never rest out of despair*. ...The work of the Lord is in a greater hand than ours. He will not fail nor be discouraged." "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint"; and when they feel that they are fainting, they should resolve to pray with double earnestness, and faintness will yield to joy.

C.H. Spurgeon

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Kids Notes

The Passover Road

The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

What grew on the Mount of Olives?

- A. Olives
- B. Watermelons
- C. Molsberrys
- D. Pimentos

What was chopped-off in our verses today?

- A. Hair
- B. An Ear
- C. A Hand
- D. Finger Nails

What did Jesus ask the disciples to do while He was praying?

Did Jesus want His followers to hurt the bad guys?

For Family Discussion:

Was there anything this morning that you wanted but Jesus did not want? Did you choose His desire or your own?

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

Ear _____	TOTAL: _____
Sleep _____	_____
Kiss _____	_____
Motorhome _____	_____
Swords _____	_____
Prayer _____	_____

How many words did Jesus say in today's passage?

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

OLIVES SWORD DISCIPLES STOP CLUBS PRAY BLOOD SWEAT
 DROPS EAR SLAVE TWELVE SLEEPING ANGEL MARVIN JUDAS
 RHINOCEROUS

S I Q L M S L E E P I N G E P M
 U E S E L P I C S I D D H A M G
 O R K T Y M C X O I A D R O B S
 R M X H I V W F J C N V T E W Y
 E V A P P X S X Y X I E B L L J
 C Z X R D E M O D S V U V F X Z
 O P A X V R C E C W R Z H V T Q
 N Y O I T L O M A O A N D W T I
 I R L C U A U P Y R M W H W D U
 H O C B Z R E B S D G F E K O J
 R C S I A I V W F F Q L T S O P
 L Y P N T L J L S M V K A H L J
 U Q G D N O W Q S E B D X W B T
 T E X U J Q V B J O U U P R I L
 L U N Y S L A V E J E F S Z L N
 T Q R P O T S V D H S L N M W P