

Sunday 10th April, 2022

Service for Swansea & Charlestown Presbyterian Church

Welcome

As we begin our service of worship this morning lets remind ourselves of the great God we are coming before. So I am going to start off with a reading from Psalm 46. *"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."* The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress." (NIV)

Prayer God our Refuge, when human resources fail, you alone remain our sure hope and defence. In the knowledge of your love, grant us courage. We place ourselves in your hands, confident that nothing can separate us from your love. We praise you for Jesus, the Living One, the First and the Last, who was dead, but now is forever alive. Help us, who have not seen, to believe; send us, as you have sent Jesus, to greet the world with the Easter word of peace and to share with all the Spirit's new life of forgiveness. We ask through the Lord Jesus, our Passover and our Peace, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Song – To God be the glory [To God be the glory - YouTube](#)

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| <p>1. To God be the glory
Great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in</p> | <p>2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives</p> |
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Chorus
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the earth hear His voice
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord
Let the people rejoice
Come to the Father
Through Jesus the Son
Give Him the glory
Great things He has done

3. Great things He has taught us,
Great things He has done
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our worship, when Jesus we see

Bible Reading – Mark 14:27-42 (NIV)

²⁷ "You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written: "'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered."²⁸ But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."²⁹ Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not."³⁰ "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times."³¹ But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same. ³² They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."³³ He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. ³⁴ "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and

prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. ³⁶ "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." ³⁷ 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?" ³⁸ Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹ Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. ⁴⁰ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

Announcements

Focus for the month – Outreach. This month we are having a special focus on inviting our friends and family to Church or a church run activity where they can hear about the love of God and the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ. So who could you invite to the Kids Easter Outreach or the Easter Services or the Kids Cooking Classes or to Hope Explored? Most people come to Church through invitation and maybe our friends would come if we were to invite them. Please pray about it. And step out in faith this month.

Easter Family Fun Day. Is on TODAY 11:30am-1:45pm. Sausage sizzle. Games. Drama. All about Easter. Free for guests, \$4 pp or \$10 per family (If possible deposit money in to the Church account with your surname and EFF as a reference. RSVP to Suzie (0435 828 511) by Wednesday 6th April. Please come along and help out where there is a need. See Suzie for ideas.

Easter. Can you invite someone to join you over Easter? We will be running the following services

Easter Thursday	Swansea 4:30pm	Charlestown 6pm
Good Friday	Swansea 8am	Charlestown 9:45am
Resurrection Sunday	Swansea 8am	Charlestown 9:45am & 6pm

At each of our services we will be inviting people to join us term 2 for three weeks to consider the course HOPE Explored which we will be running in each of our small groups.

HOPE Explored. All of our small groups will be running HOPE Explored at the start of Term 2. It goes for three weeks and it aims to share the hope that we have through a relationship with Jesus. If you know someone that needs that sort of HOPE (and who doesn't) why not invite them to one of our small groups and come along with them to help them hear about it.

Kids cooking classes: For Years 3-7. Tuesday 12th April 10-12noon. Cooking pizzas. Cost \$5. RSVP to Suzie by Friday 8th April. A great event to invite others along to. But please note that an adult needs to participate to help the child. There will be child-minding for those under 8. Please let Suzie know if you can help with classes or child minding.

School Holidays. NSW School holidays start this weekend. This means the regular activities of the Church will go into recess for the next two weeks. But during that time please keep our focus on outreach in your prayers and it would be great if we could all pray for that people from outside the Church will come to our outreach events over Easter.

Song – Hear Our Prayer [Hear Our Prayer \(Lyric Video\) // Emu Music - YouTube](#)

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| 1. Hear our prayer, God above
As we come to you and seek your patient love
Hear our hearts, hear our minds
Hear the echoes of the words we cannot find | 3. Hear our prayer, faithful one
Shape our yearnings to the gospel of your Son
Free our hearts, free our minds
From the war that sin will wage till you arrive |
| 2. Be our hope, be our guide
In our wanderings of weakness break our pride
Not for ease shall we pray
But for strength that we may walk with you this day | 4. Be our joy, be our stay
Give us eyes to see you answer prayer this day
Hear us praise all you've done
We rejoice as we receive the victory won |

Chorus

So we pray in faith, your will be done
 As we long to see your kingdom come
 We ask with one voice
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord

Pastoral Prayer Points

Psalm 10: “Why, O LORD, do you stand far away? Why do you hide yourself in times of trouble?” (v. 1). Here the psalmist teaches us how to pray when the Lord feels distant. First we’re to keep it real, and express to God how we feel. Next the psalmist calls on God to act (v. 12-15). And lastly the prayer ends by moving away from feeling to faith: “O Lord, you hear the desire of the afflicted; you will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear (v. 17).

Pray for Haiti: Pray for those who despair to find hope in Jesus Christ. Pray for deliverance for those in bondage to voodoo. Pray for the development of long-term plans saturated with wisdom and justice.

Pray for those suffering with mental illnesses: Pray that the God of all comfort would comfort them. Pray they would be filled with the hope of glory. Pray that they would not trust in their feelings but in the Lord, who loves them and gave himself for them.

Pray for Easter time: Pray that Jesus Christ would be lifted up and many people in Newcastle would be drawn to Him. Pray for Easter Outreach today after the service.

Pray for Parsons: Praise God for the passion of the new missionaries, ready to serve God in creative ways to see a world that knows Jesus. Please pray for wisdom to assist them and other leaders well as we move into new and exciting areas of ministry. Praise God for time to reconnect with family, and for the bonus of Sandra being able to attend her niece's wedding and meet up with Joshua twice! Please pray as Steve and Sandra organise flights for their next home assignment. And their responsibilities can be covered for this six month period.

Bible Reading – Mark 14:43-52 (NIV)

⁴³ Just as he was speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, appeared. With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” ⁴⁵ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. ⁴⁶ The men seized Jesus and arrested him. ⁴⁷ Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸ “Am I leading a rebellion,” said Jesus, “that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹ Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts, and you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled.” ⁵⁰ Then everyone deserted him and fled. ⁵¹ A young man, wearing nothing but a linen garment, was following Jesus. When they seized him, ⁵² he fled naked, leaving his garment behind.”

Sermon – Under Pressure

Every so often in life, you feel like you are under the pump. The heat is on. You are under pressure. It might be a situation at work, where the deadline is getting closer and closer. It might be at home where a family situation means that relationships are putting everyone under great strain. It might be a personal issue that is haunting you day and night. It might be a lack of money or poor health or a looming day of reckoning.

And it's no fun being under that sort of pressure. And the result is that often the stuff inside of you that you try and keep hidden from everyone else comes out. Pressure often reveals the real you. And we and others find out what stuff we are really made of.

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As we come to the end of the gospel of Mark, we see that all concerned are under pressure. The chief priests have decided they need to get rid of Jesus once and for all. They are looking for a time and place to

arrest him quietly. Last week Jesus revealed to his disciples that this sort of pressure is going to be too much for one of their number will betray him and that will lead to his death. And as they leave the upper room on the eve of the Passover they come to the Garden of Gethsemane.

Which means the place of the olive press. The location where the newly picked fruit is placed in a vat, the screw is turned & the pressure brings forth the olive oil from within. As we will see, at this very place Peter, Judas, the disciples, even Jesus, will be placed under great pressure and we will see from their reactions what is really going on inside of them. How will they cope when the heat is on? Starting with

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1. Peter (verses 27-31)

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

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Not only will one of them betray Jesus but the pressure will be so great that when the good shepherd Jesus is struck, it will be every man for himself. They will all be scattered. Alone & vulnerable. But Peter disagrees with his Lord. **They** might let you down Jesus, but I will stick by your side. **Their** love for you might come and go but I will love you so much that I am willing to stay with you through thick and thin. Jesus, I know that you are the Messiah, the promised one from God but you have got this one wrong. My support for you is rock solid.

And I am sure that Jesus smiled at Peter's bravado, typical Peter he thought. I love your attitude, your passion, your resolve. But you don't know yourself like I know you, Peter. Today, actually tonight, even before the cock crows twice even, you will disown me not once, not twice but three times. Peter pride comes before a fall.

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1 Corinthians 10:12 says "If you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!" Peter needs to remember that Noah failed, Abraham failed, David failed, Solomon failed. They all failed. And Peter is no better than them. Peter doesn't know himself as well as Jesus knows him. And until he is more realistic, he too is destined to fall and to fall hard.

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In the movie Toy Story, Buzz Light Year is convinced that he is a space ranger and not really a toy. Even when he sees himself in a Buzz Light-Year commercial, it still doesn't sink in. Until, he jumps, from the second story balcony and he falls hard and one of his arms falls off. Only then does he realise that he doesn't know himself as well as his maker knows him.

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When Peter is under pressure, he trusts in his own ability to see him through. And I don't know about you but I am a bit like Peter. It will be OK. It has worked out fine in the past, I will find a way through this current mess. And notice the other disciples all say the same. They have the resolve but we are going to find out they don't have the power to cope with the pressure. For where do you get that sort of power? Well the example of Jesus in the very next episode shows us where such power comes from. It comes from prayer.

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2. Jesus (Verses 32-39)

³² *"They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.'³³ He took Peter, James & John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled.³⁴ 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,' he said to them. 'Stay here and keep watch.'³⁵ Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that, if possible, the hour might pass from him."*

When Jesus was under pressure, he didn't make wild promises that he would always be faithful. He gathered around him his closest friends and asked them to pray for him. To watch over him. And then he went a little further and talked to his father God Himself.

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This passage is a real insight into Jesus' humanity. Up until now, not much has seemed to phase Jesus. He has boldly faced the religious authorities, he has shown his authority over wind and waves, over demons and diseases, even over death itself. But here we see another side of Jesus. He is deeply distressed. Troubled. Overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. There is nothing in the rest of the bible quite like this. Not even Job's suffering. Or Abraham offering his son at Mt Moriah. Or David at the death of his son Absalom, not even the darkest of the dark Psalms.

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In the words of Tim Keller *"In the garden of Gethsemane, he turns to the Father and all he can see before him is wrath, the abyss, the chasm, the nothingness of the cup... Jesus began to experience the spiritual, cosmic, infinite disintegration that would happen when he became separated from the Father on the cross. Jesus began to experience merely a foretaste of that and he staggered."*

So, what does Jesus do when he is under that much pressure? He turns to God in prayer. In Mark's gospel we find Jesus at prayer at the very beginning in Mark 1 where the temptation was to heal rather than proclaim the Kingdom of God. And then we see it again in the middle where he had fed the 5000 with fish and bread and they wanted to take him & make king & now facing death, abandonment, suffering and disgrace Jesus turns again to prayer.

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For nothing shows our dependence upon God like our prayer life. Prayer is an expression of our inability to accomplish things by ourselves. Prayer is a confession of our weakness, our frailty, our complete dependence upon the sovereignty and provision of Almighty God. We need his help, his strength, his wisdom, his power & here we see Jesus, the second person of the Trinity acknowledges his weakness as a man and calls out to his father God in prayer.

³⁶ *"Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."* Wow there is so much to learn from that one verse of Scripture. Abba, father, daddy. There is an intimacy that we get with God in prayer. There is an access that we have that is only for the family of God. And it doesn't have to long winded and complicated, here Jesus is found pouring out his troubles to his heavenly father.

Who is also in control! All things are possible for you. An intimate relationship with the one who has infinite power. Nothing is too hard for him. Nothing is impossible for the Lord.

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And yet what is in front of him is the cup. The cup of God's wrath. A cup of God's judgement that was destined for you and me and now Jesus is being offered the cup by his father. The plan of salvation concocted even before creation itself was that Jesus would drink the cup that was reserved for us. He would die so that we might live. You see how much God loves his creatures? He would rather send his Son to hell for you than bring him home without you. He in his wisdom had found a way where God can be just & yet still justify his kids.

And Jesus is looking into this cup right now. And he is praying to his father, is there any other way that this can be done? Can we sacrifice all the sheep of this world, would that blood, be enough? Could we just take the good people to heaven and leave the rest to face their fate? Is there any other way? Take away this cup from me. Yet not what I will but what you will. If there is no other way, I will do what you have asked me to do.

Do you see what is happening here? Satan, is tempting Jesus. He is wanting to offer an alternative to obedience. A way where salvation could be found and Jesus could protect his own skin and bone. And so, for an hour there is this wrestling within Jesus. This is no calm, "Our father who art in heaven", type prayer. This prayer involved blood, sweat and tears.

You see prayer, real prayer is often like that. It is not polished. Not always polite. No, it's real and its raw and its honest and it doesn't hold back. Haven't you read the prayers of Job? Haven't you been stunned by the Psalms? Its about wrestling with the big issues, its about going all in for God, heart, soul, mind, strength and emotion. All given over. All surrendered to him. And friends in my experience my demons don't want to surrender without a fight.

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And so, Jesus fights for an hour. And then he returns and the rest of the disciples are sleeping. So, he wakes them up and gets them to pray, this time for themselves. *"Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour?"³⁸ Watch and pray so **that you will not** fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

Did you hear that correctly? Jesus is on the edge of the cliff about to fall into hell and he is still concerned for them. For the disciples. "Friends wake up. Pray that **you won't fall** into temptation." And then he goes back for another time of prayer, maybe even another hour. And they are again sleeping. Wake up he shakes them a second time. Before he prays again just as passionately & just as dependently.

There is a battle going on here, a spiritual battle, a battle of the flesh against the spirit. It's the battle of the world against the kingdom of heaven. It is the battle of Satan against God. It is the grandest, greatest, fiercest battle that ever was fought, and it takes place here in this garden. The Garden of Gethsemane. The Garden of the Olive Press.

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Most historians who look back to WW2 say that the most important battle in that war was not the last battle. It wasn't the battle as the troops rode in to Berlin and where Hitler committed suicide. The most important battle was not V Day but D Day. When the Allies landed in France and attempted to gain a foothold back on European soil. It was a bloody battle, a costly battle with large losses on both sides. But it was a battle that turned the tide. The Allies were from then on always going to win & the Germans were always going to lose.

And this I believe is the decisive battle. Where Jesus sees and feels the full enormity of the cross and judgement and hell. Where he is tempted to find another way. But through prayer Jesus bows his will to God's will. He receives the power of the Holy Spirit to go on. And he sets his face on the cross where he will lay down his life so that others might live.

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In the first Garden, the Garden of Eden, Adam listens to the tempter and responds to his father, "Not your will but mine be done" and all creation was plunged into sin and judgement and death. But in this second garden, the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus, the second Adam says "Not my will be done but yours be done" and through him salvation and redemption and a new creation opens up for all who believe in him and trust in Him.

In the words of preacher Daniel Akin *"Gethsemane was hell for Jesus but I am so thankful that He went through it. You see, if there is no Gethsemane, there is no Calvary. If there is no Calvary, there can be no empty tomb & if there is no empty tomb there is only hell for us."*

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When Peter is under pressure, he trusts in Himself. And when Jesus is under pressure, he trusts in his father God and prays. And the reason why he asked the disciples to come with him was not really that he needed their help and friendship, instead he wanted to model prayer for his followers. A form of communication with our Father God that is persistent, real, emotional & dependent. The sharing of our inmost thoughts, the exchange of feelings, hopes, sorrows and joys. All with the aim of aligning our will with God's will. And having the strength & power to handle any temptation & resources to cope with any pressure situation

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3. Peter, Jesus, the disciples (verses 40-42)

So, do the disciples follow their master's example and pray at this time? Putting on the spiritual armour that they will need for this day of testing that will happen in the coming hours and days? No, they don't. ⁴⁰ *"When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him."* ⁴¹ *Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come."*

No, they sleep. Three times Jesus prays & three times the disciples are found sleeping. And of course, a little later on in the story, three times Peter denies his Lord. The wrestle of prayer was too hard for them. They took the easy road of sleep instead. Jesus' prayer steels himself for the task at hand, the disciples sleep weakens themselves for the time of trial that is to come. The spirit was willing but without prayer, the flesh was weak.

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Now at times it is not easy to pray. You set aside some time to do it and you have some prayer points before you and it can seem you are going through the motions. Your mind is not engaged, you're will, is not enacted. Your words struggle and stumble. And at times I have thought that was a complete waste of time. But what if that is Satan trying to stop you and me from praying? What if he is trying to discourage us from praying to our heavenly father, not my will but your will be done. What if we are not even in the battle, how on earth are we going to win the war? What if we often choose to sleep rather than to pray?

It will mean we are not ready for the next pressure situation. It will mean we are not on the watch for what God is doing in our lives? It will mean we will easily fall for the test and the temptations that come our way. And so we don't want our own self confidence to get in the way of our self-sacrifice & our own will to be done, instead prayer helps us to keep reminding our bodies, minds, souls and emotions that it is best if thy will be done.

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I was reading recently about the human rights activist Dr. Martin Luther King and what he did after receiving a phone call threatening him with murder. He wrote down in his journal, *"My strength was gone. I sat at the kitchen table searching for a way of how to disappear without being considered a coward. In this state of utmost exhaustion and complete discouragement I laid down my need before God. With my head in my hands, I prayed aloud. "Lord, I believe that I am fighting for a righteous cause. But now I am afraid. I cannot go any further. I have come to a point where I cannot make it on my own." And almost immediately all my fears were gone. My insecurity disappeared! I was ready to face everything. Fear knocked at the door. Faith answered. Nobody entered."*

What if that was a regular activity as a Church and as a family and as an individual. "Lord my strength has gone. I am afraid. And I lay my need before you my God, my Creator, my Saviour, my Sanctifier, my father." How much would that change our situation? How much energy would we have to when we were next placed under pressure? How much peace would we receive when next the heat is on? Why don't we try and find out?

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4. Judas (Verses 43-52)

Because in our passage we see Jesus' spiritual and moral strength as Judas approaches. *"With him was a crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests, the teachers of the law, and the elders. ⁴⁴ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: 'The one I kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.'* ⁴⁵ *Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. ⁴⁶ The men seized Jesus and arrested him."*

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It started with a kiss! A great sign of intimacy turns into a sign of betrayal. Something that was meant to bring these two men together actually widened the gulf between them. Something that was meant to show love actually spoke volumes about rejection. Something that should have communicated respect shouted betrayal. Judas responds to the pressure he is under by surrounding himself with human power, troops and swords and clubs.

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And the disciples do likewise. ⁴⁷ *Then one of those standing near drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear. ⁴⁸ "Am I leading a rebellion," said Jesus, "that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? ⁴⁹ Every day I was with you, teaching in the temple courts & you did not arrest me. But the Scriptures must be fulfilled."*

Just think of the armour of God that the disciples had access to through prayer. The belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the helmet of salvation, the shield of faith, the sword of the Spirit, the shoes filled with the gospel of peace all put on by the Spirit through prayer. And yet the disciples depended upon the same weapons as Judas, the power of the sword. Until Jesus tells them to stop and heals the servant's ear. And then they all hot tail it out of there. They run for the hills. Even a brave young man, who tries to follow ends up running away naked. And Jesus ends up alone. Completely alone.

It's a passage of contrasts. Peter, the disciples and Judas are not prepared for their time of testing and all fail the test. Whereas in the middle of it all stands Jesus who is under enormous pressure but finds the power to withstand it through prayer.

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And so I wonder how am I going to respond to the next bout of pressure that comes my way? And how will you respond? Are we alert to the dangers? Do we know what temptations we have fallen for in the past? Are we ready for the difficulties that are just around the corner? Are we putting on the armour of God or looking to follow the ways of the world? Are we men and women of prayer?

If you are like me, you won't be able to do it alone. You will need to follow the example of Jesus. If he needed to prayer, surely, we also need to pray. If at times he found it a struggle, surely, we will also find it a struggle. But look at what was achieved by Jesus' faithfulness? Look at what he endured for you to bring you access to your father God in prayer? In the words of the hymn writers Townsend and Getty.

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To see the King of heaven' fall in anguish to his knees;
The light and hope of all the world, now overwhelmed with grief.
What nameless horrors must he see to cry out in the garden.
"Oh. take this cup away from me, yet not my will but yours, yet not my will but yours.

To know each friend will fall away and heaven's voice be still.
For hell to have its vengeful day upon Golgotha's hill.
Now words describe the Saviour's plight – to be by God forsaken.
Till wrath and love are satisfied and every sin is paid and every sin is paid.

What took Him to this wretched place? What kept Him on this road?
His love for Adam's cursed race, for every broken soul.

No sin too slight to overlook, no crime too great to carry,
All mingled in this poisoned cup, and yet He drank it all. The Saviour drank it all.

Song – I have a shelter [I Have A Shelter - Sovereign Grace - YouTube](#)

1. I have a shelter in the storm
When troubles pour upon me
Though fears are rising like a flood
My soul can rest securely
O Jesus, I will hide in You
My place of peace and solace
No trial is deeper than Your love
That comforts all my sorrows
2. I have a shelter in the storm
When all my sins accuse me
Though justice charges me with guilt
Your grace will not refuse me
O Jesus, I will hide in You
Who bore my condemnation
I find my refuge in Your wounds
For there I find salvation
3. I have a shelter in the storm
When constant winds would break me
For in my weakness, I have learned
Your strength will not forsake me
O Jesus, I will hide in You
The One who bears my burdens
With faithful hands that cannot fail

Closing.

"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."