

Standing Firm-Loving Well: Lordship

Matthew 26:36-46

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Matthew 26:36-46: Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me." ³⁹ Going 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." ⁴⁰ Then 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." ⁴² He 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." ⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. ⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!" (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church, and Community

1. _____ our pride to accept Lordship

Humble _____: But it was our sins that did that to him that ripped and tore and crushed him—our sins! He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed. We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost. We've all done our own thing....
Isaiah 53:5-6 (MSG)

_____ connections: Do you not have the strength to be vigilant with me for one hour? Be alert and pray lest you fall to your own pride...the spirit is an eager beaver but the flesh is lazy and anemic...Father...not as I will but as you will for me!

Matthew 26:40-42a (JOT)

2. _____ of commitment to Lordship

_____ or _____: Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am....Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to saving yourself, your true self....What could you ever trade your soul for?
Mark 8:34-36 (MSG)

_____ or _____: Be persuaded with all of your heart to trust the Lord. Don't be arrogant about your own wisdom! In all of your ways acknowledge him and he will direct you to the right paths so that you will not get tripped up and fall!
Proverbs 3:5-6 (JOT)

_____ or _____: Lust drives the world: lust of the eyes; lust for self-satisfaction; and arrogance of our human existence. The world is a passing reality with its lusts but the one who does the will of God will continue into life that is forever!
1 John 2:16-17 (JOT)

3. _____ to Jesus as Lord

_____ God's love: When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person....But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.
Romans 5:6-8 (NLT)

Spiritual Action Step:

How are you struggling with your pride or arrogance? Where is God calling you to surrender? Where in your heart are you doubting God's unconditional love for you? God will never let us down! The Apostle Paul reminds us: *"This hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love."* (Romans 5:5, NLT) Are you tired of the emptiness and disappointment with everything in life? It doesn't have to be this way. Believe in your heart and proclaim with your mouth that Jesus is your Savior and your Lord! Accept his love and joy by giving your life to him! This week continue with our Lent Study to empower this Lordship in your life!

Translations: NIV: New International Version; MSG: The Message; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; NLT: The New Living Translation.