

“Gethsemane” is a place of intense struggle in our walk with Christ.

1. God calls us to go “a little farther” than we have gone in our walk with Him. v. 39  
God doesn’t allow us to get \_\_\_\_\_ in our walk with Him. God will \_\_\_\_\_ you!  
It may seem that he’s stretching us to the breaking point, but He knows how much we can take!
2. During those times, it is particularly helpful to have \_\_\_\_\_ support.  
When God is stretching you, call on prayer partners!

However, remember that

3. God calls us to go “a little farther” than our \_\_\_\_\_ may go with us. V. 39  
Mark 14:40 records that the second time Jesus went back to them and found them sleeping, “they did not know what to say to Him.”  
The third time, Luke 22:45 says the disciples were “asleep, exhausted from sorrow.”  
The good news: Luke 22:43 states that “an angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him.” Let \_\_\_\_\_ minister to you during these times.

4. It is appropriate to have and \_\_\_\_\_ a preference when you pray.  
Luke 22:44 states that “being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.”

The bottom line is “God’s will be done.” KJV - “nevertheless...” v. 39,42

Are you at that point? Can you say, “God, I want Your will more than anything else.”? God’s \_\_\_\_\_ before mine. His agenda before mine. His \_\_\_\_\_ before mine.

John 11:41,42 – raising Lazarus from the dead – about a 15 second prayer. When there was a storm on the Sea of Galilee – Mark 4:39 – “Peace, be still”.

But this night in the Garden of Gethsamane – apparently prayed for \_\_\_\_\_ – some think it was all night; Luke 23:44 said sweat drops of blood; - WHY???? Because He knew God’s will – and He was struggling with that. In His humanity, He wrestled with God’s will JUST AS WE DO.

The reason it takes so much time to pray sometimes is not because God is unwilling, but that \_\_\_\_\_ will is in the way.

You may be to the point of at least praying, “If life is never what I want it to be, I want it to be okay, but I’m just not there yet.” God will say, “That’s okay. Stay here til we get there – if you run out of time, come back tomorrow. I know it’s hard to wrestle with My will.”

Jesus went “a little farther” for us. There will be times He calls us to go “a little farther” in our walk with Him - so we can be of more help to others, too. Are you willing to go to Gethsemane with Him? Are you willing to let Him stretch your faith?

What are you facing today that needs a “God’s will be done”?

