

MATTHEW 26:36-46 & LUKE 22:43-44– “THE PRAYER IN GETHSEMANE!”
– No Other Way, Thy Will Be Done!

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The Old Rugged Cross – George Bernard – sung by Ernie Ford

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.*

*Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.*

*To the old rugged cross I will ever be true, its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then he'll call me some day to my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share. (Refrain)*

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- Gethsemane – (olive press) a place of pressing! No place more fitting for what took place that evening. A place familiar with great pressing; great weight; great crushing!
- Gethsemane was a special place! This garden was apparently a favorite place for Jesus and His disciples to meet and to pray, to meditate, and to get some peace and quiet. **It's good to have a favorite place! A special place of communion with God. A place to meet with Him!**

[37-38] And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. (The word for **deeply distressed** (*adēmonein*), meaning **intense discomfort, excessively concerned**. It also means being “away from home”. ***[38] Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."***

- Jesus is now entering a very difficult time, **the most difficult** time in His life – He wants His closest friends nearby as an encouragement to Him. But **then He must go alone! What has to be done has to be done by Jesus alone, with the Father!** There's nothing anyone could do. No one else could suffer for what He was to go through. ***"My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death."***

- A situation, **agony, so intense we could never understand it** – not physical suffering, but internal suffering. Sorrowful – “**encircled**” by sorrow! **Sorrowful in every direction, My soul is exceedingly sorrowful!**
- Uncomfortable, not at home, distressed, **sorrowful to the very limit of His endurance!** He being pushed to the limit! **Mark 14:33** *And He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be troubled and deeply distressed.* Amazed, greatly astonished at what He knew was coming.

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- Jesus fell on His face – falls to the ground – not because of the physical abuse He will face the next day. What was that something? There was something, not physical, that was pressing down on Him, bringing Him to His knees!
- Vs. 39 **“this cup” – let this cup pass from Me!** It wasn’t the physical, His coming death! He did not fear death-that’s the reason He came into the world. **Joh 12:27-28** *"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. [28] Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."*
- For this purpose I came for this hour! He did not fear death. This was the very reason He came into the world.
- **This cup refers to the fact of the knowledge on that cross, He would bear all the sins of all of mankind and then bearing our sins, then receiving all the righteous divine judgment that our sins deserved! -**
- The purity of God suddenly **has put upon Him and the justice that it deserves, that we might be forgiven!** Here we are given a glimpse of what He went through, when we say, that Jesus died for our sin.
- How humbling to me, and to you, as well, **that my sin was behind a part of Jesus’ agony**, of what He went through! This produces great love for My Savior and close worship, as well! My sins were a part of what He went through and produced this prayer! He bore our sin on that cross.
- **If it is possible** – If what is possible? Our salvation; the forgiveness of our sins; **if there is any other way?** Reveal that to Me now. **What was the answer from heaven? Silence, and then the cross!**
- Heaven’s witness, **the Father’s witness to the fact that there is no other way that a man can be forgiven, apart from faith in Jesus who paid for my sin.** **Heb 5:7** *who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear,*
- If anyone says there is another way, they **know nothing about Calvary; nothing about the Bible, nothing of Gethsemane.** That all religions lead to the same place. They need to spend some time with Jesus in this place and situation. It’s not found in religion. It’s not found in church attendance. It’s not found anywhere but in Him! Jesus the Son of God praying three times. What went on inside of Him **will never occur again! This is Holy Ground!** It was silent, then God sent an angel to strengthen Him

[39b] nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will."

- **Nevertheless not My will but thy will be done!** He surrendered. He put all of the agony on one side of the scale, a mountain of it. And let it all go.

- **Salvation is free, but it is not cheap. Jesus paid a price, impossible to describe, so that we might be free, forgiven and saved!**
- Jesus paid an impossible price that we might be saved. *Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
- The perfect sinless, Lamb of God, bearing all of the sin of the world.

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- **Great agony** - so great His sweat became great drops of blood! Not just mental but the pressure is being manifested physically!
- **Such agony so great, that an angel was dispatched from heaven.** An indescribable pressure on Jesus!

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- The sun begins to rise. The day of His crucifixion is here.
- **Then being no other way, He went out to meet His betrayer!**

SUMMARY:

- **May we, with great love and thanksgiving, beyond description, with great worship, pray to Him! To know Him! To preach Christ crucified! To know the power of the resurrection!**

Pray Today For:

Our Church, Nationally/locally; Our Nation: Our leaders; Police officers/military. Supreme Ct. Justices: John Roberts, Jr., Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Neil Gorsuch; President & V.P.: Donald & Melania Trump; Mike & Karen Pence. Sec. of State – Rex Tillerson; Energy – Rick Perry; Interior – Ryan Zinke; Defense – James Mattis; Treasury – Steven Mnuchin; Attorney General – Jeff Sessions; HUD – Ben Carson; Commerce – Wilbur Ross; Health & Human Services – Tom Price; Education – Betsy DeVos; Trans. – Elaine Chou; U.N Ambassador – Nikki Haley; Labor – Alexander Acosta; Homeland Security – Gen. John Kelly; EPA – Scott Pruitt; Budget – Mick Mulvaney; SBA – Linda McMahon; Cabinet Level Officials: – Reince Priebus; Nat'l Security Advisor – H. R. McMaster; White House Council – Donald McGahn; Counselor to Pres. – Kellyanne Conway; Press Sec. Sean Spicer; Agriculture – Sonny Perdue; Vet. Affairs – Donald Shulkin; C.I.A. Director – Mike Pompeo; Amb. to Israel – David Friedman; Nat Econ Council Dir. – Gary Cohn; Nat. Intell. – Dan Coats; US Trade Rep. – Robert Lighthizer; Sr. Adv. to Pres. – Jared Kushner; Homeland Sec. Adv. – Thomas Bossert; Spec. Adv. Reg. Reform – Carl Icahn; Dir. Trade Policy – Peter Navarro; Cyber Security – Rudy Giuliani