



Series: Dying To Self

Sermon: Part 2: Not My Will

Date: Sunday, April 13th, 2025

God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

Without the vertical healing and reconciliation with God, there cannot be horizontal healing and reconciliation with others.

Jesus knew that the solution to the hatred, retaliation, and division that we see in the world would be His Church, meaning His followers, who would live and love in such a way that would influence and change a hostile and divided world.

...Jesus went with His disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and He said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." (Matthew 26:36)

Gethsemane means "oil _____"

Jesus took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with Him, and He began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then He said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with Me." Going a little farther, He [Jesus] 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." (Matthew 26:37-39)

The cup that Jesus is referencing here refers to the cup of God's wrath against _____.

Then He [Jesus] returned to His disciples and found them sleeping. "Couldn't you men keep watch with Me for one hour?" He asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matthew 26:40-41)

Lack of _____ to God meant the inability to hear, understand, and respond to what He would have us do.

He [Jesus] 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." When He came back, He again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. So He left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. (Matthew 26:42-44)

And being in anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. (Luke 22:44)

"My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me?" (Matthew 27:46)



Our decisions affect the generations that come after us.

As We Journey Towards The Cross:

1. _____

If prayer was Jesus' constant lifeline to His Father, then Jesus was demonstrating that it needs to be our constant lifeline to God as well.

If it is big enough to worry about, then it is big enough to pray about.

2. _____ and follow

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to His own advantage; rather, He made Himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a Man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross! God the Father exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the Name that is above every name, that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on Earth and under the Earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:8-11)

"God is ready to assume full responsibility for the life entirely yielded to Him." (Pastor Andrew Murray)

Adam followed his will and it brought chaos and destruction to him and to all who came after him. Jesus followed His Father's will and it saved and redeemed all who would believe in Him.

Bottom Line: "Your will, and not my will"

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. Would you bless and show kindness to your enemies? Would you risk your life in order to save them?*
- 2. How does God's demonstration of love for us compel us to love, forgive, and even reconcile with those who have hurt us?*
- 3. How often do you draw away in your day to pray?*
- 4. Why is prayer so necessary in helping us to have the mind of Christ with the decisions that we make? What is at stake when we go about our day absent from prayer?*
- 5. What decision do you need to make whereby it is God's will and not your will?*

Songs used in service: The Jesus Way (Phil Wickham), Hosanna (Hillsong), Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Robert Robinson), I Surrender All [All I Am] (Caleb + Kelsey), You've Already Won (Shane & Shane)

Any prayer requests?

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Name _____ **Date:** _____ **Email:** _____

What can we be praying for you about?