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## Prepared in Prayer

*Matthew 26:39*

## Dressed for War

**Ephesians 6:10-18**

### Prayer: Prepared in Prayer

- God uses prayer to change things: **James 4:2**.
- God also uses prayer to change us as He transforms us by the renewing of our minds (**Rom. 12:2**).
- God has given us the highest privilege of wrestling with Him in prayer as to His will as He uses the same prayer to wrestle with us as to our wills.

*Gen 32:24 So Jacob was left alone, and a Man wrestled with him till daybreak*

- Jesus enters the battle ground of prayer, prepared with the full armor of God to wrestle against the natural desires of His Humanity in relation to His death on the cross.

- The battle is: will this Man obey God's will or refuse as did Adam?
- It was for this reason that Jesus came into the world (**John 3:16-18**).

**John 4:34** "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of Him Who sent Me and to finish His work [John 19:30]... **6:38** I have come down from heaven not to do My will but to do the will of Him Who sent Me

**Matt 20:28** ...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many...

- Jesus entered the Garden determined to wage war against the disobedience of Adam. However, His soul became overwhelmed with the horror and terror of the cross.
- Jesus entered the battlefield knowing that God was His Father. He entered secure in His relationship with God.
- Jesus took His feelings and desires to God in prayer.

**Ps 54:4** Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.

**Is. 12:2** Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

**Address: My Father**

- He cries out to the One Who has been His constant Companion, His constant Leader, His constant Helper throughout His life.
- His desperation, Jesus goes to the only One Whom He trusts and loves.
- Jesus came into the world to be the living “image of the invisible God” (Col.1:15).

*John 14:9* Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father...

- In the perfect obedience of the Son of Man to the will of God, the marvelous and glorious nature and character of God would be on full public display.
- And it is this most intimate relationship that Jesus expresses in the Garden as He brings His petition to God by calling God Father.
- No other Name for God so encapsulated the loving relationship that Jesus had with God which was the foundation of His ability to the obedient Son of Man.