

Message Notes

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Jesus: The Gospel of Mark, Part 37

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A. Us: willing, but weak. (v. 38)

1. We place too much confidence in our own abilities. (v. 31)
2. We will sometimes stumble, abandon and deny. (vv. 27, 30)

B. Jesus: disciplined in prayer and dependent on the Father.

1. Overwhelmed, Jesus prays, stays and trusts. (vv. 36 & 42)
2. Overwhelmed? Jesus urges us to watch and pray! (v. 38)

C. Even though we fail Him, Jesus went to the cross to rescue us! (1 Peter 2:21-25)

Growth Group Questions

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1. Share a brief example of a time when you realized too late that you had been overconfident about your own abilities.
2. Read our passage, Mark 14:26-42, together. What has God been teaching you through this passage since Sunday? As a group, take some time to discuss insights, lessons learned and/or questions you have about the passage.
3. Along with Mark 14:36, read some passages about Jesus' prayer life such as Luke 5:16, 6:12, 11:1-5, 18:1 (and others you know of). How is your prayer life similar or dissimilar from His? In addition to quick prayers throughout the day, do you carve out extended chunks of time for prayer?
4. Though we may be *willing*, if we live apart from God's power, we are quite *weak* and unable to stand faithfully in the face of adversity. Read Galatians 5:13-26. Discuss together how you can put yourselves in the "hallways" where the Holy Spirit is active, and as a result be able to "walk by the Spirit" more consistently.
5. In the Garden of Gethsemene, Jesus demonstrated his dependence on the Father. As followers of Jesus striving to live by Spirit, how have you seen God transform you more into the likeness of Christ? Share with your group how God is working in your life!