

Digging Deeper Study

God's Kingdom Come – Strength to Obey

Week of August 2nd, 2026

Strength to Obey Matthew 26:30-56 Matthew 26:30-56 ³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹ Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written: “ ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ^k ³² But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”	“In essentials, unity; (1 Corinthians 12:12-13) in non-essentials, liberty; (Romans 14:1) in all things, charity.” (John 13:34) Sermon QUOTE Statement: Jesus willingly and knowingly went to the cross and goes before us, even though we all fall away from Him at times. His obedience and giving of Himself isn't contingent on how well we follow Him. But, Jesus still calls us to grow in our obedience to Him. Today we learn from Jesus how that is possible. Opening Question: What is something that you don't have to be asked twice to do? Why is that the case in this instance? I. Read Matthew 26:30-32 1. What does it mean, to fall on account of me? Why did their falling away happen?
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³³ Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.”

³⁴ “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

³⁵ But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same.

³⁶ Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the

2. What encouragement can we find in knowing that Jesus knew the disciples would fail, and yet He still went before them?

II. Read Matthew 26:33-35

3. What are the dangers of overconfidence?

4. How could have the disciples responded differently if they had listened to Jesus?

III. Read Matthew 26:36-40

1. What did Jesus do when he faced a trial that was greater than Him?

2. What does Jesus hope for as He prepares?

3. Why does Jesus end up finding?

4. What are key’s to Jesus’ prayer?

5. How does Jesus response to Peter – highlight Peter’s own strength?

point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

³⁹ Going a little farther, he 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.”

⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter.

⁴¹ “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

⁴² He 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.”

⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and

IV. Read Matthew 26:41-45

- 1. What is the key for walking in obedience?**
- 2. What is temptation?**
- 3. Why do we need to understand the flesh’s weakness in walking in the thing of God?**
- 4. Why does the strength of the flesh give us a false confidence?**
- 5. How does Jesus’ repeated prayer and life of prayer – speak towards our need of continuing in prayer?**

prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners.

⁴⁶ Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: “The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.”

⁴⁹ Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him.

⁵⁰ Jesus replied, “Do what you came for, friend.” ^z

Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested him.

⁵¹ With that, one of Jesus’ companions reached for his sword,

V. Read Matthew 26:45-56

- 1. How does Peter’s reaction fall in line with Peter’s preparation?**
- 2. Why does Jesus rebuke Peter?**
- 3. Why is it important to realize if Jesus wanted to take things by force He could?**
- 4. What should our focus be on?**
- 5. How does Jesus bring about His kingdom?**
- 6. Why does Jesus point back everything to Scripture?**

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drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

⁵² “Put your sword back in its place,” Jesus said to him, “for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think I cannot call on my Father, and he will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?”

⁵⁵ In that hour Jesus said to the crowd, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come out with swords and clubs to capture me? Every day I sat in the temple courts teaching, and you did not arrest me. ⁵⁶ But this has all taken place that the writings of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.