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BIG IDEA | Following Jesus is surrendering our will, not getting our way.

Matthew 26:36-46 (NIV)

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 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 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!”

Genesis 3:1-5 (NIV)

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”

² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’”

⁴ “You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵ “For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

How to surrender our will:

Pray for change.

Be in community.

Trust in God.

“The Bible is the story of two Gardens: Eden and Gethsemane. In the first, Adam took a fall. In the second, Jesus took a stand. In the first, God sought Adam. In the second Jesus sought God. In Eden, Satan led Adam to a tree that led to his death. In Gethsemane, Jesus went to a tree that led to our life.”
– Max Lucado

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you about this week’s sermon?
2. What are some reasons we say to God, “Thanks, but no thanks”?
3. Read Matthew 26:36-46. How does Jesus’ struggle in Gethsemane show that He can relate to our experiences of fear, sorrow, and uncertainty?
4. Jesus prayed, “Not as I will, but as you will” (Matthew 26:39). What does it mean to surrender your will to God? Why is it often difficult to trust God’s plan instead of pursuing our own desires?
5. Pastor Rocky presented three ways the enemy tricks us into questioning God’s Word, God’s goodness, and God’s provision. How have you observed this to be true in your own life?
6. How can we remain spiritually alert and strong when facing temptation or exhaustion?

7. Who are the people in your life that you trust to walk alongside you in difficult times? How can we, as a group, support one another better?