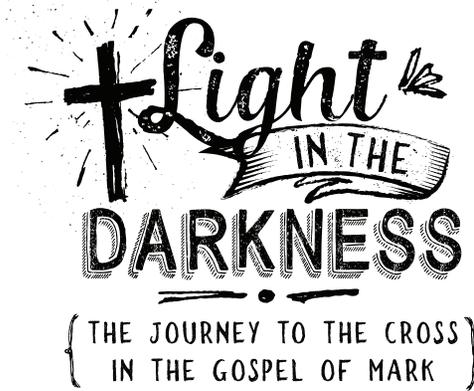


Light IN THE DARKNESS

EASTER AT TLC

GOOD FRIDAY
3/30 - 5 & 7PM

EASTER WEEKEND
3/31 - 4 & 6PM
4/1 - 8:30, 10, & 11:30AM



PART 4: THE PRAYER

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They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch." Mark 13:32-34

Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "**Abba, Father,**" he said, "**everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will.**" Mark 14:35-36

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Mark 14:37-38

Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. They did not know what to say to him. Mark 14:39-40

Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!" Mark 14:41-42

BIG IDEA

When you wonder what God is doing _____ darkest hour, remember what Jesus was doing _____ darkest hour.

JESUS WAS...

1. _____ to his Father.

“Abba, Father(!)” Mark 14:36a

2. _____ with his Father.

“...everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me.” Mark 14:36b

3. _____ to his Father.

“Nevertheless, not what I will, but what you will.” Mark 14:36c (NKJV)

- **Jesus does not allow his** _____
to overrule his _____.

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, **who for the joy set before him** endured the cross... Hebrews 12:2a

- **Jesus shows how the** _____ **is found**
in the _____.

“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Mark 14:38

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR LENT

Monday:

“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.” (1 Peter 2:21) Whether from grief, illness, injustice, or something else—we all suffer in this life. How does it encourage you to know that Jesus understands your suffering and that you have the choice to follow in his steps? *Lord, help me to see suffering from your perspective today.*

Tuesday:

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross...” (Hebrews 12:2a) What joy have you seen come from suffering? What joys can you hold on to because of Jesus that could encourage you today? *God, thank you that you have not left us to suffer without hope.*

Wednesday:

“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Mark 14:38) We often want the benefits of surrender without the posture of surrender. Why is it hard for us to surrender - even when we’re suffering? In what area of life are you struggling to have the posture of surrender (pray and wait) right now? *Lord, give me a heart willing to take the posture of surrender.*

Thursday:

“Abba, Father...” (Mark 14:36a) What an amazing trust and relationship Jesus had with his Father. And here’s good news, we can also call God, the maker of the universe, “Abba, Father”. He longs for that close relationship with you. How could seeing God as your Father help you when you are in a season of suffering? *Thank God today that He wants to be in close relationship with you. Ask Him for the faith to trust His heart towards you.*

Friday:

“...everything is possible for you, Take this cup from me.” (Mark 14:36b) Jesus’ example of honesty before his Father is such an encouragement to us. When do you struggle with being honest with God about your fears and hopes? *Take some time today to honestly pour out your heart to God - with a posture of surrender to His will, His way and His timing.*

Saturday:

Last weekend’s big idea: “When you wonder what God is doing in your darkest hour, remember what Jesus was doing in his darkest hour.” How has exploring the Garden of Gethsemane this week encouraged you? What have you learned about what Jesus did in his darkest hour that you can apply to your times of suffering? *God, thank for the example of Jesus. Please give me the desire and strength to follow his example.*