



# The Agony of Victory

Luke 22:39-46

# Setting the Stage



- Jesus has just ended an intense evening with His disciples
- Jesus is preparing to pour out His heart to God regarding His pending ordeal

# Jesus' Simple Request



- Jesus asks His disciples to pray
- They are to pray that they would not fall into temptation
- He knows that their only hope for standing strong was prayer and recognizing their need for God
- Jesus knew that is where His strength came from

# Jesus' Prayer and the Angel's Appearance



- Jesus moves several yards away and begins to pour out His heart and soul to God
- God sends an angelic being to minister to Jesus and to strengthen Him

# Disciples Warned Again



- Jesus gets up from His time of prayer
- The challenge awaiting Him has not been removed
- He has been strengthened to meet the challenge
- Jesus warns the disciples: Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray so you will not fall into temptation
- Jesus knows that lack of prayer and lack of dependency on God is a sure way to fall into sin

# Lessons for Us



- **Jesus' Example in Prayer**
  - Are we too busy asking God to take away our pain that we fail to ask God to give us the strength to see us through?
- **God Always Listens**
  - He may not answer the way we want Him to, but HE will always provide the strength we need to see us through

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- Failure to Grasp the Gravity of the Moment
  - God wanted to provide a way out of temptation for His disciples; they seemed disinterested