



Date: October 4, 2026

Sermon Notes:

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Sermon Text: Luke 22:39–46

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Sermon Title: The Prayer of Agony

Main Idea: Prayer prepares us for pending trials.

Breaking the Ice

- What reminds you that trials are never far away?

Excavating the Truth

- Reread Luke 22:39–46
- The Greek word for “temptation” in verses 40 and 46 can also be translated as “trials” (as in Luke 22:28, *NASB*). Why might it be translated differently in the two contexts? What is the relationship between *trials* and *temptations*?
- Examine verse 42 carefully. What is the primary concern of Jesus’ prayer?

Applying the Truth Personally

- Why do I have a hard time praying for God's will when I face serious trials? How can I prioritize God's will over removing the trials from my life?

- How should Jesus' willingness to face a pending trial motivate me to face the trials God brings into my life?

Applying the Truth Congregationally

- How can we help our church pray so that our primary focus lies with God's will rather than removing personal trials?

- How can our corporate times of prayer point us more fully to (1) available divine aid and (2) our personal limitations?

Digging Deeper

- How does the OT (e.g., Ps 11:6; Isa 51:17; Jer 25:25–17; and Ezk 23:33) develop the image of the “cup” as Jesus uses in it Luke 22:42?

- Read Luke 11:4. How does this verse amplify Jesus words in verses 40 and 46? How can the repeated usage impact our prayers?

Looking Ahead

- Read Ephesians 4:1–7 daily.