the Faithfulness of God in our Salvation

LUKE 22:39-46

But between the garden where man failed, and the garden where God reigns, stands Gethsemane—the garden where Jesus accepted the cup from His Father's hand.

The hardest prayer ever prayed: "Not my will, but Yours, be done."

THIS PASSAGE TEACHES US TWO INSEPARABLE TRUTHS:
Our salvation is secured by the faithfulness of Christ in His suffering.
Our sanctification is shaped by the example of Christ in His suffering.

This matters because faithfulness is most often shown not in dramatic moments, but in quiet, deliberate obedience to the will of God.

1. FAITHFUL PATTERN — A STEADY LIFE (LUKE 22:42A)
"Father, if You are willing, remove this cup away from Me;" (verse 22:42a).
Faithfulness practiced before crisis creates stability in crisis.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:21 • ISAIAH 53:6 • 1 PETER 2:24

Substitution: Christ stood where we should have stood. He endured what we could never endure.

2. FAITHFUL POSTURE — A SURRENDERED LIFE (LUKE 22:42B)
"Nevertheless, not My will, but Yours be done." (verse 22:42b)

Submission is not pretending you don't hurt. Submission is yielding even when you do.

Propitiation: God's righteous judgment against sin is fully satisfied, not by overlooking sin, but by placing its full weight on His Son.

Submission does not mean we like God's will. It means we trust God's character.

3. FAITHFUL PROVISION — A STRENGTHENED LIFE (LUKE 22:43–44)
"And there appeared to Him an angel from heaven, strengthening Him." (verse 22:43)
Prayer invites divine sustaining grace.
Prayer does not eliminate suffering. Prayer provides strength to endure it.

Times of suffering reveal whether prayer has been shaping our lives or whether we have been relying on our own strength. Suffering reveals the depth of our dependence on God.

If you are not in Christ today: You do not have to drink that cup—Jesus already did.

When suffering comes, we return to the hardest prayer in the Bible: "Not my will, but Your will be done."

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