



What Would Jesus Do?
Mark 14

Mark 14:32-36 (HCSB)

Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and He told His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be deeply distressed and horrified. Then He said to them, "My soul is swallowed up in sorrow--to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake." Then He went a little farther, fell to the ground, and began to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. And He said, ["Abba], Father! All things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me. Nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."

I. Jesus sought solitude to gain strength

Verse 32 – "Then they came to a place named Gethsemane, and He told His disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.'"

Mark 6:31-32 (NIV)

Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

II. Jesus found Confidence through Companionship

Verses 33-34 "He took Peter, James, and John with Him, and He began to be deeply distressed and horrified. Then He said to them, 'My soul is swallowed up in sorrow--to the point of death. Remain here and stay awake.'"

Proverbs 27:10 (HCSB)

Don't abandon your friend or your father's friend, and don't go to your brother's house in your time of calamity; better a neighbor nearby than a brother far away.

III. Jesus met Problems with passionate Prayer.

Verses 33-35

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1 Peter 3:12 (NIVUS)

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer."

IV. Jesus preferred Endurance rather than Escape

Verses 41-42

“Then He came a third time and said to them, ‘Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The time has come. Look, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up; let’s go! See--My betrayer is near.’”

Hebrews 12:2-3 (NIV)

Jesus ... for the joy set before him endured the cross...Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Isaiah 43:1-5 (NIV)

But now, this is what the LORD says— O Israel: “Fear not. . . . When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the LORD, your God... Do not be afraid, for I am with you.”