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Walking With Jesus to the Cross: When Everyone Lets You Down

Mark 14:32-42

Wrestling with overwhelming emotions (vv. 32-36)

“And {Jesus} took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled” (Mark 14:33).

“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Enduring disappointment (vv. 37-41)

“And [Jesus] came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, ‘Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak’” (Mark 14:37, 38).

“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:9, 10).

Embracing what lies ahead (vs. 42)

“Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand” (Mark 14:42).

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 5:5-8).

