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The Garden of Gethsemane

- I. **We all need a place to be alone with God. (Mark 14:32 - 43, NKJV)**
 - a. Gethsemane literally means “Oil Press” - a place for squeezing the oil from the olives.
 - b. Gethsemane is the place where Jesus had his emotional and mental anguish pressed upon him heavily.
 - c. Pressure will come, but if we have not been with the one who controls the pressure we won't understand the pressure.
 - d. God uses pressure for good; Satan uses it to bring about destruction and despair.
 - e. Who we have been listening to before the pressure comes greatly determines how we respond and handle the pressure. (Matthew 7:24-27, NKJV)
- II. **We all need a Gethsemane Place to be alone with God.**
 - a. We all need people we feel we can share with.
 - b. We need to understand people will disappoint us and can't do for us what only God can.
 - c. Jesus was tempted in all ways; he knows and understands what we are going through and how to help us go through it.
 - d. If Jesus faced great time of deep distress we will also, it is just a matter of learning to do what Jesus did.
 - e. Jesus was filled great horror and dread at the thought of being separated from His Father and enduring the wrath of God Almighty because of our past, present, and future sins.
 - f. The main reason Jesus could endure the pain and suffering on the cross is because He knew and believed God was not panicking and had a plan that would come about to be good for all.
 - g. When we are in great need we need to go to God like He is our Dad that loves us and cares for us.
 - h. God has a plan and it is greater than our problem and pain.
 - i. All things are possible with God, but all things are not permissible because they are outside of the will of God.
 - j. Jesus' purpose was to seek and save the lost; the only way to fulfill His purpose was to die and be the sinless sacrifice for me and you.
 - k. God is teaching us how much He loves us and His Will and Word will always be accomplished in spite of our feelings, pains, or pleasures.

- l.** Jesus saw the horror of God's wrath being poured out on Him, but He saw past that because He saw the many that would be saved by receiving God's grace made possible through His act of obedience.
- m.** We must see past the problems and pain to understand the purpose and enjoy the power while suffering.
- n.** God will remove the problem and pain or give us power to go through it where He will get the honor and glory.