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Dr. Paul A. Brown, Pastor

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***in spiritual conflict***

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Luke 22:35-46

- I. Be prepared for every good work. (22:35-38)
  - A. God supplies all our need ... we lack nothing. (35)  
(2 Cor. 12:8)
  - B. Preparation for conflict ... “spiritual battle.” (36-38)  
(2 Timothy 3:10-17)
- II. The Importance of Prayer when facing Temptation: (22:39-46)
  - A. Pray that you will not fall into temptation. (39-40)
  - B. Christ’s prays: (41-44)
    1. Request: ‘if you are willing, take this cup from me’
    2. Submission: ‘not my will, but your be done.’
    3. Strengthening Grace: ‘an angel... appeared to him and strengthened him.’
    4. Anguish resulted in more earnest prayer.... intense
  - C. Disciples sleep: ‘exhausted from sorrow’ (45-46)
    1. Sleep (escape, distractions, withdraw) does not provide help when we are facing temptation.
    2. Prayer provides the protection we need when temptation is strong.
- III. Application:
  1. Check your possessions:
    - A. Purse – Are you aware of the ‘riches of Christ?’
    - B. Bag – Are you aware of your ‘spiritual giftedness?’
    - C. Sword – Are you aware of the power of God’s Word?
  2. Stay Alert ... and Pray

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P: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

C: **Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.** (Psalm 100:1-2)

P: Taste and see that the LORD is good;

C: **blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.** (Psalm 34:8)

P: When we face the unrelenting problems in life, we are reminded of God's words to the Apostle Paul:

C: **"My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness."** (2 Cor. 12:9)

P: Let us gather together this morning to give our praise and worship to our Lord! Let us humble ourselves before Him in prayer. May the Holy Spirit help us understand and apply God's Word ... for we know that ...

C: **All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

\*Hymn No. 31      *Great Is the Lord*

Great is the Lord, He is Holy and Just,  
by His power we trust in His love.  
Great is the Lord, He is Faithful and True,  
by His mercy He proves He is Love.  
*Great is the Lord and worthy of Glory.*  
*Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.*  
*Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,*  
*now lift up your voice. Great is the Lord.*  
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<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?"

"Nothing," they answered.

<sup>36</sup> He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. <sup>37</sup> It is written: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors'; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in me. Yes, what is written about me is reaching its fulfillment."

<sup>38</sup> The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords."

"That is enough," he replied.

<sup>39</sup> Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. <sup>40</sup> On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." <sup>41</sup> He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup> "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." <sup>43</sup> An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. <sup>44</sup> And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

<sup>45</sup> When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. <sup>46</sup> "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."

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\*Hymn No. 292      *God of Grace and God of Glory*

God of grace and God of glory, On Thy people pour Thy power:  
Crown Thine ancient Church's story, Bring her bud to glorious  
flower. Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour; for the facing of this hour.

Lo! The hosts of evil round us Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and  
praise. Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage,  
For the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Thy  
control; Shame our wanton selfish gladness, Rich in things and  
poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, Lest we miss  
Thy Kingdom's goal, lest we miss Thy Kingdom's goal.

Set our feet on lofty places, Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces In the fight to set men free,  
Grant us wisdom, Grant us courage, That we fail not man nor  
Thee, that we fail not man nor Thee.

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Importance of Prayer when Facing Temptation

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 435      *What a Friend We Have In Jesus*      vs. 2

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Sermon Applied

Song of Response

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\*Choral Benediction No. 483      *Lead On, O King Eternal*      vs. 3

Lead on, O King Eternal, we follow, not with fears;  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er Thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:  
The crown awaits the conquest—lead on, O God of might.

\*Postlude