

Easter Sermon Series

PURSUING VICTORY GOD'S WAY



Easter Sermon Series Focus:

TRUE VICTORY

ALWAYS COMES

WHEN WE PURSUE IT

GOD'S WAY.



CHRIST'S VICTORY IN THE WILDERNESS



CHRIST'S VICTORY IN THE GARDEN



CHRIST'S VICTORY ON THE CROSS



CHRIST'S VICTORY OVER THE GRAVE

LAST WEEK'S BIG IDEA:

**God's victory comes
through His Word.**

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VICTORY IN THE GARDEN

MATTHEW 26:36-46



BIG IDEA:

**God's victory comes
through prayer.**

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VICTORY IN THE GARDEN

1. Prayer that pleases God comes from a heart that is **submissive** to His sovereign will.
 - *We must believe that God's Word is true and good in order to submit to His sovereign will.*

VICTORY IN THE GARDEN

- 2. Prayer that pleases God comes from a heart that is **honest** with Him about its fears, sorrows, and temptations.**
 - *Jesus did not try to hide His struggles from His Father or from His disciples.*

VICTORY IN THE GARDEN

3. Prayer that pleases God comes from a heart that **refuses to stop worshiping Him** through prayer.

➤ *“Again, for the second time...” (26:42)*

➤ *“So, leaving them again, He went away and prayed a third time...” (26:44)*

Matthew 6:9-13

9 Pray then like this: “Our Father in Heaven,
hallowed be Your Name.

10 Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on
earth as it is in Heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread,

12 and forgive us our debts, as we also have
forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver
us from evil.”

Comparisons between “The Lord’s/Disciples’ Prayer” and Jesus’ prayer in Gethsemene

6:9 – <i>“Our Father”</i>	26:39, 42 – <i>“My Father”</i>
6:10 – <i>“Your will be done”</i>	26:39 – <i>“Not as I will, but as You will”</i> 26:42 – <i>“Your will be done.”</i> 26:44 – <i>“saying the same words.”</i>
6:12 – <i>“forgive our debtors”</i>	26:39 – <i>“this cup”</i>
6:13 – <i>“lead us not into temptation”</i>	26:41 – <i>“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.”</i>

OBSERVATIONS

1. God was never far from Jesus during this trial and sent an angel from Heaven to strengthen Him. *(Luke 22:43)*
 - *Our heavenly Father is never far from each one of us.*
 - *God hears our prayers everytime we pray.*
 - *Jesus was given strength by God to endure His trial.*

OBSERVATIONS

2. Because God is with us, He provides us the strength we need to go through the necessary sorrow and pain of trials.

(Luke 22:44)

- *The pain and sorrow that Jesus endured in the Garden was...*
 - *...purposeful. (Hebrews 2:18-19)*
 - *...designed to encourage us.*
 - *...not wasted by Jesus.*

OBSERVATIONS

3. It is impossible to both sin and be active in God-pleasing prayer at the same time.

QUESTIONS

1. Is your prayer life **active** or just reactive?

QUESTIONS

2. When you pray, are you **worshiping** or worrying?

1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, **casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.**

QUESTIONS

3. When you are **tempted** to sin, do you call out to God in prayer?

APPLICATION

1. If you have stopped praying or are tempted to stop praying, **refocus your heart** on the glory and worship of God.

APPLICATION

2. **Learn** from the example of Jesus as you pray.

- *Learn to have a heart that is submissive to God's sovereign will through prayer.*
- *Learn to have a heart that is honest with God about your fears, sorrows, and weaknesses through prayer.*
- *Learn to have a heart that refuses to stop worshiping God through prayer.*

APPLICATION

3. **Thank** Jesus and praise Him for victory over temptation through prayer.
 - *Remember that Christ's victory is our victory through faith in His Word.*

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