



## **JUST JESUS: A Journey Through Mark**

### **PART 59 - 14:37 - 42**

#### **When Self-Confidence Meets Reality**

**READ:** Mark 14:37-38a AND Proverbs 16:18

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) Why do you think Jesus addressed Peter specifically even though all three disciples had fallen asleep?
- 2) The disciples were exhausted, grieving, and overwhelmed. How can emotional exhaustion affect our spiritual lives today?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, "Spiritual maturity is not built on self-confidence. It is built on Christ-confidence." What is the difference between those two kinds of confidence?
- 4) Jesus lovingly confronted Peter's failure instead of rejecting him. How has God used failure to teach or mature you?

#### **Watch...and Pray**

**READ:** Mark 14:38 AND Ephesians 6:10-18

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) Jesus commands His disciples to "watch and pray." Why do those two commands belong together?
- 2) Jesus says the real danger was not outside the garden but inside their own hearts. What does that teach us about temptation?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, "Victory does not come because our willpower is stronger than our temptations. Victory comes because our dependence upon God becomes greater than our confidence in ourselves." How have you seen that truth proven in your own life?
- 4) What practical habits help you remain spiritually alert and prayerfully dependent upon God?

#### **Persistent Prayer**

**READ:** Mark 14:39-40 AND Luke 18:1-8

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) Why do you think Jesus prayed the same prayer again instead of trying a different approach?
- 2) What is the difference between persistent prayer and empty repetition?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, "Persistent prayer is not a lack of faith. Persistent prayer is often one of the greatest expressions of faith." Do you agree? Why or why not?
- 4) Is there a burden in your life that you've been tempted to stop praying about? How does this passage encourage you?

#### **The Courage to Obey**

**READ:** Mark 14:41-42 AND Hebrews 12:1-3

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- 1) What impresses you most about Jesus' response once "the hour" had come?
- 2) Jesus walked toward the Cross instead of running from it. What does that teach us about biblical courage?
- 3) Pastor Greg said, "Prayer does not always change our circumstances. Often, prayer changes us so that we are ready to face our circumstances." How have you experienced that in your own life?
- 4) The sermon concludes by reminding us not to "try harder" but to trust our Abba more. What is one practical way you can watch, pray, and depend upon Him this week?

#### **Closing Challenge**

This week, instead of relying on your own strength, intentionally bring your burdens to your Heavenly Father. Watch. Pray. Depend upon Him. Remember that spiritual victory is found not in greater self-confidence but in greater dependence upon Christ.