

Meeting God in Pain and Suffering

Matt. 26:36-44, Jas. 1:1-6 (Series: Walking with Jesus)

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2. He took friends into _____ (v. 37b-38)
3. He got _____ with _____ (v. 39a)
4. He _____ with _____ (v. 39b)
 - a. _____ His _____
 - b. _____ His will to God’s will

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1. _____ your faith (v. 3a)
 - a. “An experiment, attempt, trial, proving.”
2. To produce _____ (v. 3b)
 - a. “The characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings”
3. To make you _____ and _____, _____ (v. 4)

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1. He called on friends to **go with Him** in **prayer** (v. 36b-37a)
2. He took friends into **confidence** (v. 37b-38)
3. He got **alone** with **God** (v. 39a)
4. He **prayed** with **transparency** (v. 39b)
 - a. **Confessed** His **struggle**
 - b. **Submitted** His will to God’s will

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1. **Testing** your faith (v. 3a)
 - a. “An experiment, attempt, trial, proving.”
2. To produce **steadfastness** (v. 3b)
 - a. “The characteristic of a man who is not swerved from his deliberate purpose and his loyalty to faith and piety by even the greatest trials and sufferings”
3. To make you **finished** and **whole, lacking nothing** (v. 4)

Pastor’s Note: If we can learn to “Meet God *in the Midst of Pain and Suffering*” we will be in a position to grow as He intends *because* of those challenges. We must, therefore, learn to count that joy