Mark Lesson 48 (2023)

**NOT MY WILL BUT YOURS BE DONE**

(Mark 14:27-42)

**Open it:**

1. Who has been a faithful friend to you during difficult times in your life?

**Explore it:**

1. Read verse 27-31. What did Jesus reveal to his disciples? (27-28) How did Peter respond to Christ’s words? What did Jesus say about Peter’s loyalty? What do the disciples’ reactions tell us about them?
2. Read verses 32-34. Where did the events of this story take place? What did Jesus tell the disciples to do? Who did Jesus take with him to pray? Why was Jesus so distressed and troubled?
3. Read verses 35-36. What did Jesus do in response to his deep sorrow? (35) What “hour” did Jesus pray to “pass from him”? What does Jesus’ prayer tell us about his relationship to God the Father? (36) What can we learn about prayer from Jesus’ example?
4. Read verses 37-38. What did Jesus find when he returned to the disciple who were keeping watch? How did Jesus instruct the disciples to prevent themselves from falling into temptation? Why did the disciples have so much trouble praying with Jesus?
5. Read verses 39-42. Why do you think Jesus prayed the same thing? What caused the disciples to be speechless when Christ returned to them the second time? What caused Jesus to stop praying?

**Apply it:**

1. What does the fact that God did not grant Jesus’ request teach us about prayer?