

MARK
CHAPTER 14:27-42

tape: SMX: 148

TITLE:

“Steeling the Heart”

THEME:

Mark 14:38

“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit truly is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Jeremiah 17:9

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”

From our heart, come every sort of scheming & planning to safe face!

1 Adam 12

Case in Point,

Last Tuesday, while on routine patrol, I was called to a domestic disturbance...

My Daughter was caught... held without bail
tried...& sentenced...

Then the negotiation powers kicked in
"daddy, my jacket is still outside... I need to clean up my room...
I forgot to kiss you good-bye this morning..."

Negotiation skills are developed early on.

What they are about to experience in
the garden will "Steel" their hearts and minds forever,

1 Section Verse 27-31 ***The Walk*** *to Gethsemane*

2 Section, Verses 32-42 ***The Prayer*** *in Gethsemane*

His Passion

The Setting of the Stage

1 Section Verse 27-31 ***The Walk*** *to Gethsemane*

Verse 26-27

Quoting...

Zechariah 13:7, Prophetically, about Himself.

All of you will be made... (*of their own doing*)

* *Stumble / Offended* GRK *scandalize* (*skan-dal-id'-zo*)

to trigger the trap, to be caught, to trip up ("scandalize")

They're Reaction to This???

Verse 28

What should have brought comfort.... sailed past them!

Verse 29

Peter is so much like us, when he stands up, he gets shorter

Verse 30

Assuredly (GRK; amen, this is truth)

You will deny (GRK; disown, give away)

In Peters Mind...

One of you is going to betray me. One of you is going to betray me
One of you is going to betray me. One of you is going to betray me
One of you is going to betray me. One of you is going to betray me

Verse 31

* *Vehemently* GRK to standup to or against, boldly

Denial is a process, a backslide

A Time Elapse Between 31 & 32

2 Section, Verses 32-42 *The Prayer in Gethsemane*

A.) Steeling the Mind of Jesus vv: 32-35

Verse 32

Gethsemane means - *the oil press*. The garden was a walled orchard of Olives,
No doubt owned by a wealthy friend.

Verse 33A

O' boy, O' boy, O' boy, here we go again us three ...

*Almost A Dorothy & The Tin-man (Naiveté)
"I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back"*

THE BATTLE OF THE WORLDS

Verse 33B

* <i>Troubled</i>	GRK	<i>ekthambeo (ek-tham-beh'-o);</i> <i>to be astonished with horror, shocked</i>
* <i>Deeply distressed</i>	GRK	<i>ademoneo (ad-ay-mon-eh'o)</i> <i>loathing; to be in distress of mind and body. to be full of heaviness.</i>

Verse 34A.

P, J&J saw and heard their master's revelation...

"My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death."

A depression and weight, so great that it threatened His life.

Verse 34b

The Greek definition puts it like this;
"beginning to be overwhelmingly terrified; his spirit in danger of not being home,
His life, scarcely held on"

Verse 35

Luke 22:41 & Matt 26:39... tells how He went to prayer

Verse 35-36

All things are possible for you. Take this cup from me!

“ and prayed that **if** it were possible,
the hour might pass from Him.”

If it were possible, **if** what were possible?

If salvation could come some other way...

Acts 4:12 KJV

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Matthew 7:13-14

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Verse 36

He wasn't just praying, He was heaving in prayer

He enlisted all of His being to **prayer**

Hebrews 5:7

Jesus, who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with strong (vehement, boisterous, violent) cries (clamor, tumult, a notification) and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear.

Luke 22:44

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great *drops* of blood falling down to the ground.

Drops

*GRK thrombos (throm'-bos);
to clot: in the sense of thickening);*

He looked into that cup *and saw all the sin of the world.*

- The child beaters & molesters, • Prostitution
- Drug addiction • He saw all the murders of human history
- Envy, strife and war • He saw Homosexuality, bestiality, and adultery of all time of all, the • And the worst sin of all Pride!

Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 53:10-12 NIV

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. :11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied. By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many, for He shall bear their iniquities. :12 Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Two Gardens!!!

* I CAN'T HELP BUT SEE JESUS HERE

COUNTING THE COST & BENEFITS

I BELIEVE AT THIS POINT JESUS WAS GIVEN A VISION...

OF ALL THOSE WHO RECEIVE HIM...

Hebrews 12:2b

...who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,

Galatians 3:13

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us ...

QUESTION;

What was the Fathers response?....
NOTHING, SILENCE.

By the way, God not speaking could mean that everything is going
as He desires

B.) Steeling the Mind of Disciples vv: 34b-37-42

Notice!!!

Verse 32

- Then they came to a place called Gethsemane

Verse 33

- He *took* Peter, James & John with Him.

Not because He needed company

but because they needed the lesson

you will experience your own Gethsemane's

John 15:18-20
(People will hate because of Jesus)

Verse 37

The denial begins here.

The demands of the physical, natural man overrode the spirit.

**Peter reminds us
of the young man who wrote his fiancée, I'd;**

***Swim the deepest seas**

***Cross the mightiest rivers**

***Climb the highest mountains**

***Walk a blazing desert**

and if it doesn't rain tonight, I'll be over at 7:00

Verse 38

1 Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:12

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

*** Weak GRK *asthenes* (*as-then-ace'*)**

strength-less, feeble, impotent, without ability

Steeling comes through dependence upon God
(please listen to the following)

- If you are not daily seeking God then you are daily self-dependent
- If you are *self-dependent*, you are self-powered
- If you are *self-powered* then you are self-achieving
- If you are *self-achieving*, then you are self-centered
- If you are *self-centered*, then your life is very small, abounding with sin

Flesh, What are you doing? (*sleeping*)

Philippians 2:12-13
work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

J. Sidlow Baxter

(Mark 14 R. Kent Hughes pg. 170)

1 Timothy 4:7
...exercise yourself unto godliness.

* *Exercise* *GRK gumnazo (goom-nad'-zo)*
to practice, workout, to train

Verse 40

Looking At Them...

Peter,

you big dummy you. I can hear you coming a mile away... Loud and opinionated.
But what a heart.

James,

Quite, shy & strong, He'll be the first to die for me.

John,

He's borderline gang-member & executive.

he loves me more then the others and his thoughts are deep

C.) Steeling the Mind of Church vv: 41-42

- If We are not daily seeking God then We are daily self-dependent
- If We are *self-dependent*, then We will be a self-powered
- If We are *self-powered* then We will be a self-achieving
- If We are *self-achieving*, then We will be a self-centered
- If We are *self-centered*, then We will be a very small. abounding with sin

Rev 3:14-19

"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: :15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. :16 "So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. :17 "Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'-- and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked-- :18 "I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. :19 "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

Some Practical tools we can use in:

"Steeling" Galvanizing our own lives.

- 1.) Have a daily Scripture reading through a book of the Bible.
- 2.) Read a chapter of an instructional book.

- 3.) **Pray**, using your Bible reading for that day, a verse or two, a thought in the text, a story-line and pray it!!!
- 4.) **Practice** what you've learned from the word. (It is hard to fall asleep while you're walking)

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

Examining yourself, say's the Scriptures.

- * I'm I Sleeping ____ (suspended state. comatose)
- * I'm I Watching ____ (alert, vital, potential)
- * I'm I Praying ____ (healthy, bold, offensive)

HE WILL LOVE YOU UNTO THE END

When He looks back He sees you...

DOESN'T Verses 28 SAY

“AFTER I HAVE BEEN RAISED, I WILL GO BEFORE YOU...”

Psalm 139:17-18

How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How great is the sum of them! ¹⁸ If I should count them, they would be more in number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with You.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

LOOK AT YOU, YOU BIG DUMMY.

**I'M STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU AND YOU CAN'T EVEN BELIEVE I
CARE...**

**I LOVE YOU, I'D DIE FOR YOU
- AGAIN!**