

November 7 Answers

- 1) Jesus' actions in the garden teach us several crucial lessons:¹ (1) Jesus saw the companionship and support of his friends as a legitimate **need**. In this, He modeled the importance of **reaching** out to others in times of trouble, rather than withdrawing and trying to go it alone; (2) Jesus didn't pretend to be **tough** or try to hide His emotions. People in leadership often think they can't be real for fear of looking **weak**. (3) Jesus chose to **pray** when He was at His lowest point. Jesus reminds us that finding spiritual **strength** through prayer is the way to handle trials; (4) An angel appeared to Jesus the first time He prayed, but it came to strengthen His resolve, not **release** him from the fight. So many times we want to get **out** when God's will is for us to go **through!** (5) Jesus didn't let His **emotions** lead His will. He freely admitted that He didn't want to go through the terrible torture of the cross, but He brought those feelings **captive** to the sovereignty of God's will; (6) Jesus didn't pray only **once**. He poured out His heart to God **three** times before He was ready to pick Himself up and say, "Rise, let us be going." This teaches us that there will be times when we need to wrestle **repeatedly** to bring our mind, will and emotions in subjection to God's will. We must not give up before we have **determined** to follow God no matter what.

¹ Matt, "Looking at Gethsemane Anew: The Fall and Rise of Jesus." Web blog post. *Theology in Tension*, 22 Nov 2015. Web. 14 Mar 2016.