

### Introduction

1. One of the most balanced prayers ever uttered was Jesus' prayer in Garden Gethsemane.
  - a. (Show Matt. 26:39)<sup>1</sup> Jesus was honest wasn't He. He didn't hide from God.
    - i. He told Father what He desired. Should we tell God what we desire from Him?
    - ii. He knows anyway, doesn't He? So why hide what we are really feeling?
  - b. But Jesus didn't presume upon God, did He? *Not as I will, but as you will.*
    - i. There's the balance. Jesus said how He really felt, in His human nature.
    - ii. But He knew God's will was different than His human will. So He yielded to God.
2. Apostle John was present in Garden. He really got the message. (Show 1 Jn. 5:14-15)<sup>2</sup>
  - a. There's the beautiful balance. Come and ask; tell God what is on your heart.
  - b. BUT...don't presume on God. Always, in the end, yield to His will. John learned well.
3. We don't always learn so well, do we—especially when will of God is hard, difficult?
  - a. Last thing happened to Jesus in garden very hard—He was arrested to be killed.
  - b. Was will of God, but not everyone responded in right way.
  - c. Judas there; responded kiss. Peter there; responded sword. Jesus; responded Word.
4. Warren Wiersbe = each response reveals an attitude toward will of God.<sup>3</sup>
  - a. Only 1 attitude'll lead to blessing. Only one matches Jesus' prayer. (Show Title/Text)<sup>4</sup>

## I. Judas—a Kiss—Pretending with God's Will (43-46)

- A. Judas and the Kiss (Show The Taking of Christ by Caravaggio)<sup>5</sup>
  1. a *signal* (v. 44)—Why? Sure guide so no escape (expected). Dark—hard recognize.
  2. *kiss* (v. 44)—Custom greet Rabbi w/kiss. Sign of affection/respect well-loved teacher.
    - i. Judas had greeted Jesus many xs. w/kiss. Such intimate action be unmistakable.
    - ii. *Kiss* = *philein*; When Judas kissed in v. 45 = *kataphilein*. Intensive form.<sup>6</sup>
      - a. *to kiss much, kiss again and again, kiss tenderly.*<sup>7</sup> Refers to prolonged kiss.
      - b. Not mere formal kiss of respectful greeting (peck). Lover's kiss (smooch).
  3. See dreadfulness. *kiss* = *I luv, respect, reverence*. Betrayal in heart. Pretend. Pr. 27:6

### B. Signs of a Judas-Kiss

1. *Love for Jesus is external, not internal.*
  - i. Judas followed Jesus 3½ yrs. Heard teaching, saw miracles, witnessed love.
  - ii. Never placed faith in Jesus; never let Jesus change his heart. (Show)
  - iii. True salvation always starts in heart, then works way outward love/service/devotion.
  - iv. If heart is not changed, all we have is externals. Look good, but Jesus wants heart.
2. *Service for Jesus is selfish, not selfless.*

<sup>1</sup> <http://wp.production.patheos.com/blogs/christiancrier/files/2014/12/Examples-of-Answered-Prayers-in-the-Bible.jpg>. Accessed 21/1/17.

<sup>2</sup> <https://joaynn510.files.wordpress.com/2013/11/john-5.jpg>. Accessed 21/1/17.

<sup>3</sup> Wiersbe, *Preaching/Teaching w/Imagination*. Class notes, p. 16.

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.sermoncentral.com/church-media-preaching-sermons/powerpoint-template-backgrounds/decision-making-and-the-will-of-god-659-detail?ref=MediaSerps>. Accessed 11/30/17.

<sup>5</sup> [https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/e6/Caravaggio\\_-\\_Taking\\_of\\_Christ\\_-\\_Dublin.jpg](https://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/e/e6/Caravaggio_-_Taking_of_Christ_-_Dublin.jpg). 12/1/17

<sup>6</sup> Barclay, W. (Ed.). (1976). *The Gospel of Mark*. Philadelphia, PA: The Westminster John Knox Press, pp. 346-7.

<sup>7</sup> Strong, J. (1995). *Enhanced Strong's Lexicon*. Woodside Bible Fellowship. Strong's #2705

- i. Judas was in it for the money (Jn. 12:6). Attached to Jesus for revolutionary goals.
  - ii. He believed he would become prominent, powerful and rich.
  - iii. Judas was on bottom of social ladder, wanted to be on the top.
  - iv. Not interested in cross that would bring salvation to people and glory to God.
3. **Obedience to Jesus is conditional, not unconditional.**
- i. Judas followed Jesus as long as his agenda was being carried out.
  - ii. Jesus: death, denying self, taking up cross, hated, Judas drew line. Not that far.
  - iii. Many willing obey as long as can have their way. Pretenders stop when can't.<sup>8</sup>
  - iv. *When people today pretend to know and love the Lord, they are committing the sin of Judas.*<sup>9</sup>

## II. Peter—a Sword—Fighting Against God's Will (47)

### A. **Details Clear from Other Gospels** ([Show The Ear of Malchus by Tissot](#))<sup>10</sup>

1. *servant* = Malchus; *striker* = Peter; *healer* = Jesus. (*Put up sword, all who live . . . die*).
2. Tempted say, *Hurrah, Peter! At least some1 stood up for Jesus*. Barclay said this.<sup>11</sup>
3. But Peter was wrong. Know why? Jesus' arrest was God's will. Didn't Peter know?
  - i. Should have. Jesus predicted in detail all of these events.
  - ii. Wasn't that Peter didn't know, wouldn't accept. Could not believe God's plan.
  - iii. So, when *took* (v. 53) Jesus, Peter took over. Pushed Master aside, *I know . . .*
4. *Stand aside Lord, I'll take over. I know what to do!* Do we ever do that?
5. Ever notice when we do, it's the exact opposite of what God wants done?

### B. **Peter's Reckless Actions**

1. Let's put ourselves in the scene for a moment. ([Show Screenshot Passion of Christ](#))<sup>12</sup>
2. What happens if Jesus does not step in, stop Peter & heal this man Malchus?
  - i. Peter could've killed an innocent man. Endangered Jesus' life before the cross.
  - ii. Endangered the lives of the disciples. Caused the very riot Jesus was avoiding.
  - iii. *It was not owing to [Peter] that Christ did not turn away from death, and that [Jesus'] name was not exposed to perpetual disgrace.*<sup>13</sup>

### C. **Signs of a Peter Sword**

1. **Fighting God's will in the Bible.**
  - i. *I know what Bible says, but sometimes doesn't always work.*<sup>14</sup> Shocked to hear.
  - ii. Easy to say, *We know what the Bible says, but let's be practical.* It's still a sword.
2. **Fighting God's will through other people, e.g. parents, pastors.**

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<sup>8</sup> Father told me a man attending our church only came around because he was interested in his daughter. Father said she'd never have any serious interest in him. One time man put his business cards on display in the lobby. Leaders told him was inappropriate to advertise his business in church like that. Eventually he gave up on father's daughter left the church. It became obvious he was pretending.

<sup>9</sup> Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible exposition commentary* (Vol. 1, p. 373). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

<sup>10</sup> Famous painting, Peter, potential melee. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malchus#/media/File:Brooklyn\\_Museum\\_-\\_The\\_Ear\\_of\\_Malchus\\_\(L%27oreille\\_de\\_Malchus\)\\_-James\\_Tissot.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Malchus#/media/File:Brooklyn_Museum_-_The_Ear_of_Malchus_(L%27oreille_de_Malchus)_-James_Tissot.jpg). Accessed 21/1/17.

<sup>11</sup> Barclay, op. cit., p. 346.

<sup>12</sup> <http://www.thewordoftruthon-lineministry.com/2014/02/>. Accessed 21/1/17.

<sup>13</sup> Calvin, J., & Pringle, W. (2010). *Commentary on the Gospel according to John* (Vol. 2, p. 195). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

<sup>14</sup> 75 yr. old man wanted to join our church while shacking up with woman he later dumped. His words.

- i. *Most people come to pastor for help know answer to problem, just don't want to do it.*<sup>15</sup>
- ii. **Why come? Just hoping pastor tell them what they are doing is okay.**
3. **Fighting God's will through circumstances.**
  - i. **Knew woman desperately wanted be married. 2 Christian men broke up w/her.**
    - a. **She became resentful & bitter against God over her circumstances.**
    - b. **Sister-in-law: *She's a hardened woman. Not same lady you knew 10 yrs. ago.***
    - c. **She was fighting God's will in her circumstances.**
  - ii. **When fight God's will what does Jesus do?**
    - a. **In Peter's case stopped him. One more blow killed innocent man.**
    - b. **Many xs. Jesus let's us have our own way until we make a mess.**
    - c. ***He was there all the time. Waiting patiently in line.***<sup>16</sup> **Waits til at end of ourselves.**

### **III. Jesus—the Word—Submitting To God's Will (48-50)**

#### **A. Way Jesus Submitted**

1. **Jesus not resist. Only protest was way came. Acted like was Spartacus—leading revolt.**
2. **Jesus voluntarily surrendered Himself.**

#### **B. Reason Jesus Submitted (*Scriptures must be fulfilled. This is what God wants.*)**

#### **C. Benefits of Submission to the Word**

1. **Courage: Events—after Jesus struggle in garden, He surrendered to God's will.**
  - i. **Woke disciples. *Rise up, let us go*, marched forward to meet enemy, instead waiting.**
  - ii. **When soldiers arrived Jesus stepped out in front of disciples & met head on.**
  - iii. **When submitted to God's will gives tremendous courage.**
  - iv. **When we are submitted to God's will, is a resolution, firm resolve, gives us courage.**
2. **Peace: Everyone in the story is nervous, except Jesus.**
  - i. **Judas—afraid not get right man. Soldiers—clubs/swords. Disciples—all flee.**
  - ii. ***What would you advise as the best way to eliminate psychiatric problems? "There would be much less strain on men and women if they teamed up w/God as a daily partner. People who try to live independently and ignore God, are soon overwhelmed w/innumerable fears and worries. If more people learned to team up w/God, the human race would soon be able to throw off the 50% of its ailments that medical educators admit are psychological.***<sup>17</sup>
  - iii. ***To walk when others are running; To whisper when others are shouting; To sleep when others are restless; To smile when others are angry; To work when others are idle; To pause when others are hurrying; To pray when others are doubting; To think when others are in confusion; To face turmoil, yet feel composure; To know inner calm in spite of everything; This is the test of serenity. [This comes from doing God's will.]***<sup>18</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Ravi Zacharias on radio (March 1998).

<sup>16</sup> Hymn chorus. [https://www.hymnlyrics.org/newlyrics\\_h/he\\_was\\_there\\_all\\_the\\_time.php](https://www.hymnlyrics.org/newlyrics_h/he_was_there_all_the_time.php). Accessed 12/2/17.

<sup>17</sup> Dr. George W. Crane in Chicago Daily News as quoted in Walter B. Knight (1956). *Knight's Master Book of 4000 Illustrations*. Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., p. 465. Crane was a physician and psychologist who wrote a newspaper column for 60yrs.

<sup>18</sup> Doris Lagrasse in *Sunshine Magazine*. Eleanor Doane (1988). "Serenity," *Speakers Sourcebook II*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan Pub. House, p. 321. Final phrase added by me because this was the serenity that Jesus experienced.