



AT GRACEPOINT

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Two Outcomes

1. That you understand some Whys of the Christian faith with more CLARITY & CONVICTION.
2. That you will be EMBOLDENED & EQUIPPED to answer for the reason for the hope you have in you. 1 Peter 3:15

Why was the Cross necessary?

People need a holy nature to be able to COMMUNE with a holy God & that is a reason why the CROSS was necessary. Romans 3:23, Hebrews 12:14, Hebrews 10:10b, 2 Corinthians 5:21

Why was Jesus able to choose the nails? Matthew 24:36-44

The Conflict

At Gethsemane Jesus felt the AGONY of ANTICIPATION of suffering.

Mark 14:34, Luke 22:44

- We all have our "GETHSEMANE."

Characteristics of Gethsemane

1. Often your Gethsemane is faced ALONE.
2. At Gethsemane you are often challenged with the question, "Do I OBEY God?"
3. Your Gethsemane is frequently the place of deepest TRIAL.

Jesus' Response in Gethsemane

1. The Gethsemane experience DROVE Jesus to a greater DEPENDENCY on God enabling Him to choose the nails.
2. Jesus' posture of humility ENABLED Him to EMBRACE God's will & choose the nails.

TOGETHER AT HOME

WHY SERIES

Discipling with Family & Friends

1. What are some Gethsemane situations you are facing? Do you at times experience some agony when you anticipate something coming up in your life?
 - Parents, use this as an opportunity to talk with your kids on some things they may be facing that they are dreading.
2. Has CoVid-19 caused you to pray more? Are you facing some other trial that is causing you to pray more?

Suggestions

 - Use anxiety as a trigger to pray more.
 - When you find yourself in agony with anticipation of what is coming, pray for the peace of God to prevail & to trust that God will provide the grace you need at the time you need it to handle whatever happens.
3. Look at your life from all angles & do some self-analysis on whether or not you are obedient to the Lord no matter what angle you look from. Talk to a family member or friend on what obedience should look like from these various angles.
4. Two character qualities allowed Jesus to choose the nails: dependency & humility. How are you doing in this regard in your journey of faith?
 - Parents, a challenge you face is helping your kids become mature, responsible, independent adults but at the same time helping them to grow in more & more dependence on the Lord. Help them to own their faith & understand that as they