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The Last 24
The Trial of Jesus
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Sermon Notes

When going through trials we sometimes face fear, are terrified, and have a sense of uncertainty – basically scared. Have there been times that you, a family member or someone that was close to you ever went through such times? If so, what did you do? Did you ever lose sight of who God is and not pray or you thought that it was too big for God? How did you work through it?

The Word gives us instructions on how we are to respond to trials and difficulties.

Read - James 1:2-4, 1 Peter 1:6, and Acts 14:22

Jesus said, “I have told you these things, so that in me you will have peace. In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

Read - John 16:33 John 14:27 John 15:18

In times of past trials and troubles, how have you handled it when things went the way you wanted them to go and when they did not go the way you wanted them to go?

If anything, we need to know we are not alone at any time in our life, good or bad. He is always with us.

Read - Heb 13:5, Deut. 31:6, Deut 31:8, Joshua

1: 5, 1 Chron 28:20, Ps 37:28, 1 Kings 8:57,

Ps 94:14,

These scriptures don't promise that trials will not occur but they do promise that God will not leave us.

In troubled and challenging times, do you try to model Jesus or do you struggle with trying to take things in to your own hands? If you try to take things in to your own hands, do things end up the way you hope for?

Do you pray for wisdom and strength in those troubled times? If so, in what ways does this help?

I remember when I had times of taking things in my own hands and not needing God's help. I thought I had solutions, but, I ended up making things worse.

Was there a time you have felt or done this? What was the outcome?

Jesus knew what was going to happen and knew the outcome of His trials. Mt. 26:1-2, Mt. 26:36-42

Jesus even knew about His own death. Mt. 16:21-28, Mt. 17:22-23, Mt. 20:17-19

When we are going through tough times, even praying can be difficult. We need to learn to rely on God. And ask for guidance. Mt 7:7-8, Lk. 11:9-10

Remember: God loves us and will work things out in our lives. John 3:16 and Rom 8:28-31