

Title: The Greatest Love

Subtitle: Pain and Temptation

Text: Luke 22:39-46

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Subject Matter: Atonement. Obedience. Sacrifice. Thanksgiving.

1. Realize _____ (vv.39-42a)

Luke 22

39 And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him. **40** And when he came to the place, he said to them, "Pray that you may not enter into temptation."

41 And he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, and knelt down and prayed, **42** saying, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

43 And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. **44** And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. **45** And when he rose from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping for sorrow, **46** and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

2. Thank _____ (vv.42b-44)

3. Love _____ (vv.45-46)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Romans 6:23** and **Revelation 20:14-15**. What is the problem of presenting the “message of salvation” without any thought, reference, or concern for the “wages of sin”?
2. Read **1 Peter 3:18**. Why is this simply stated (yet immensely profound) transaction so important to regularly contemplate as Christians? What is the risk of never considering it in our Christian lives?
3. Read **Psalms 130:3-4**. Why is our respect and appreciation for God heightened when we understand what our salvation cost?
4. Read **John 3:16**. How can you keep such familiar truths from losing their intended force in your heart and mind?