

Meeting God on the Mountain- Mount of Olives  
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Has there ever been a time in your life where what you wanted and what God wanted didn't match up?

A garden moment is when doing God's will costs you more than you want to pay.

Luke 22:39-46

*"Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and His disciples followed Him. <sup>40</sup> On reaching the place, He said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." <sup>41</sup> He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, <sup>42</sup> "Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done." <sup>43</sup> An angel from heaven appeared to Him and strengthened Him. <sup>44</sup> And being in anguish, He prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.*

<sup>45</sup> *When He rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, He found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. <sup>46</sup> "Why are you sleeping?" He asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation."*

Observations about Garden Moments

1. Build a Life That Prepares You for Your Garden

Luke 22:39

*"Jesus went out as **usual** to the Mount of Olives, and His disciples followed Him."*

2. Pray Before the Pressure comes

Luke 22:40

*"On reaching the place, He said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation."*

3. Understand the Difference: Submission vs. Surrender

Luke 22:42

*"Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done."*

You can un-submit...  
but you can't un-surrender.

4. Surrender First What You Want Most

*Surrender isn't the absence of struggle—  
it's choosing God in the middle of the struggle.*

5. What Happens When We Surrender?

- God strengthens you
- God works in you
- God works through you

*Your surrender becomes someone else's blessing.*

*The greatest things God will ever do through your life will come on the other side of the mountain of surrender.*

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