**The Ordeal Begins**

**Luke 22:39-53**

**Doing the Hard Thing**

“Is it worth it?”

“Is there another way?”

**Jesus in “Agony” with Temptation**

(Hebrews 4:15)

* Jesus asks the Father to take the suffering away.
* The Father sends an angel to strengthen him.
* Jesus prays in agony as he sweat drips from his body like drops of blood.
* Jesus was deeply sorrowful and troubled.

Matthew 26:37-38

* Jesus comes before the Father three times, asking, “If there is another way . . .”

**“Agonia” -- c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, s\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

***“Yet not as I will, but as you will.”*** (Matthew 26:39, NIV)

**The Disciples’ Response to Temptation**

***“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*** (Mark 14:38, NIV)

**The Hard Work of Following Jesus**

(1 Peter 4:12-14)

It is in our human nature to want following Jesus to be easy. So, we are tempted to give into our weak “flesh.”

**Preparing to Fight Our Temptations**

* Remember, “the f\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is w\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”
* Seek S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Be H\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God in Prayer
* S\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Firm in God’s Will
* S\_\_\_\_\_\_ Out in the Power of the Spirit

**When We Fail**

***“If we are faithless, he remains faithful— for he cannot deny himself.”***

**(2 Timothy 2:13, ESV)**