

Not My Will

1. Is God *good*?
2. Is He *trustworthy*?
3. Is life *fair*?

Read Luke 22:41-46

He [Jesus] withdrew
about a stone's throw beyond them [disciples],
knelt down,
and **prayed**,
Father, **if** you are willing,
Remove this cup from me.
Yet, **not my will**, but yours be done.
An angel from heaven appeared to him **strengthening** him.
And being in **agony**, he **prayed** more earnestly.
And his sweat was like **drops of blood** falling to the ground.

Hebrews 5:7-9

...Jesus offered up prayers and supplications,
with **loud cries and tears**
to the one who was able
to save him from death,
And he was heard because of his reverence.
Although he was a son, He **learned obedience**
through what he suffered.
And being made perfect,
he became the **source of eternal salvation**
to all who obey him...

Jesus' Emotion:

- Agony (Luke 22:44)
- Loud Cries and tears (Heb. 5:8)

Jesus' Plea: Deliver me (Luke 22:42)

God's Answer (Luke 22:43):

- No to deliverance
- Yes to strength

Jesus learned: obedience (Heb. 5:8)

Jesus' Greater Purpose: eternal salvation to all who obey (Heb. 5:9)

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What did Jesus do?

- Trusted God's character.
- Recognized greater purpose.
- Received strength.
- Submitted to his Father.
- Learned obedience.

What should we do?

- Trust God's character.
- Recognize greater purpose.
- Understand God's strengthening process doesn't take away the pain.
- Supplicate—pray honestly.
- Trust that when God chooses not to deliver from circumstances, he provides strength.
- Submit to our heavenly Father; learn obedience.

Conclusion

1. Is God *good*?
2. Is He *trustworthy*?
3. Is life *fair*?
4. Will you *trust* God with your pain?