WAYFINDER

PRAYER AS OUR GUIDE

PRAYER OF PETITION

AN INTIMATE INVITATION TO DISCOVER AND SURRENDER TO THE WILL OF GOD

DURING THE DAYS OF JESUS' LIFE ON EARTH, HE OFFERED UP PRAYERS AND PETITIONS WITH FERVENT CRIES AND TEARS TO THE ONE WHO COULD SAVE HIM FROM DEATH, AND HE WAS HEARD BECAUSE OF HIS REVERENT SUBMISSION [TO GOD'S WILL].

– HEBREWS 5:7

WE WILL FAIL IN OUR PRAYER LIFE. WE WILL FAIL TO SUBMIT TO GOD'S WILL. THAT'S WHY JESUS AGONIZED IN GETHSEMANE AND WHY CARRIED OUR FAILURES TO THE CROSS. HE OBEYED HIS FATHER BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T. HE SUFFERED [SEPARATION FROM THE FATHER] SO WE WOULDN'T. HE PAID FOR THE SINS WE COULDN'T. THAT'S THE GOSPEL. THAT'S THE ULTIMATE LESSON GOD WANTS US TO LEARN. IT'S THE LESSON THAT FUELS OUR PRAYER LIFE. IT'S THE LESSON THAT THAT LEADS US TO OBEDIENTLY SUBMIT TO GOD'S WILL. ...

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WHEN WE THINK OF IT THAT WAY, WHEN WE UNDERSTAND THAT JESUS WILLINGLY SUBMITTED TO THE GREATEST INJUSTICE IN HISTORY TO SAVE US FROM GOD'S JUSTICE – THEN THE MINOR INJUSTICES WE SUFFER IN LIFE DON'T SEEM QUITE SO OUTRAGEOUS, DO THEY? WHEN LIFE SEEMS UNFAIR AND UNJUST LEARN FROM JESUS TO SUBMIT IN PRAYER AND WITH OBEDIENCE; AND, ABOVE ALL, LOOK TO HIM AS THE SOURCE OF ETERNAL SALVATION, THE ONE WHO WILL COME AGAIN TO SAVE YOU FROM THIS UNJUST WORLD. AMEN.

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