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**Confrontation With the Demonic in Prayer**  
Mark 1:34-35 And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was. 35 In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a **secluded place, and was praying there.**  
Mark 6:46-47 After bidding them farewell, He **left for the mountain to pray.** 47 When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land.

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**Jesus Confronts His Death in Prayer**  
Mark 14:32-34 They came to a place named Gethsemane; and He said to His disciples, **Sit here until I have prayed.** 33 And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be very distressed and troubled. 34 And He said to them, **My soul is deeply grieved** to the point of death; remain here and keep watch.  
Psalm 42:11 Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.

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### The Faithful Son Accepts His Cup

Mark 14:35-36 And He went a little beyond them, and fell to the ground and began to pray that if it were possible, the hour might pass Him by. 36 And He was saying, %Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will.+

Mark 14:23-24 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. 24 And He said to them, %This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.+

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### Jesus Calls Them to Prayer

Mark 14:37-38 And He came and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, %Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? 38 %Keep watching and praying that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.+

- ▶ **Temptation (peirasmos)** = %The distinctive component in temptation, in contrast to other terms for suffering, is that it sets forth the possibility of stumbling and falling into sin. It is an invitation to be untrue to God.+

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### The Disciples Fail Three Times

Mark 14:39-42 Again He went away and prayed, saying the same words. 40 And again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer Him. 41 And He came the third time, and said to them, %Are you still sleeping and resting? It is enough; the hour has come; behold, the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 %Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!+

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### Applications

1. We must rely upon God's power to avoid entering into temptation and to be faithful if we should enter into temptation.
2. We should always remember that our salvation has been accomplished by the Son being faithful for us.

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### 1. Rely on God to Avoid Temptation

1 Corinthians 10:13-14 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and **God is faithful**, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it. 14 Therefore, my beloved, **flee from idolatry**.

Matthew 6:13 NRSV And **do not bring us to the time of trial**, but rescue us from the evil one.

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### 1. Rely on God to Avoid Temptation

Mark 14:38 **Keep watching and praying** that you may not come into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. +

Mark 13:35 Therefore, **be on the alert** for you do not know when the master of the house is coming +

Rev. 3:10 **Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing**, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. +

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## 2. Jesus Is the Faithful Son

Mark 1:9-13 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was **baptized by John** in the Jordan. 10 Immediately coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him; 11 and a voice came out of the heavens: **%**ou are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased.+ 12 **Immediately the Spirit impelled Him to go out into the wilderness.** 13 And He was **in the wilderness forty days** being tempted by Satan; and He was with the wild beasts, and the angels were ministering to Him.

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## 2. Jesus Is the Faithful Son

Hebrews 3:5-6 Now Moses was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken later; 6 **but Christ was faithful as a Son over His house- whose house we are**, if we hold fast our confidence and the boast of our hope firm until the end.

Ephesians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are at Ephesus and **who are faithful in Christ Jesus**ō

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