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DAY ONE, PALM SUNDAY



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TODAY’S SCRIPTURE

Mark 14:36 “...not what I will but what thou wilt.”

“And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.”

THOUGHTS

This is the prayer of Jesus after he arrives in Gethsemane. Jesus is described as being sorrowful and very heavy in spirit in anticipation his death. (Mark 14:33-34). Jesus even asked his Father, “if it were possible, allow the hour to pass from him.” (Mark 14:35)

Jesus’ prayer in contemplation of the Cross is threefold. (1) Jesus acknowledges to his father that nothing is impossible for God to perform; (2) Jesus petitions God for a specific act, but immediately, (3) Jesus submits that his will is not to be considered, God’s will rules! The agony of the cross is definitely not something anyone looks forward to, but, because Jesus maintained his focus - “... *But for this cause came I unto this hour*” (John 12:27), and refused to succumb to the weakness of the flesh, we are the redeemed!

The challenge of walking in “*not my will Lord, but your will Lord be done*” is discernment of God’s will versus our will. The day we get to the point of honestly meaning and following through on “*not my will Lord, but your will Lord be done*”, will be a liberating day in our lives. So stopping crying and *Let it go, let it be!*

TODAY’S PRAYER

Father, we thank you that you strengthened your son, our savior, to submit to the ordeal of the Cross. Help us Lord to believe your word that “with you nothing is impossible.” Lord, it is our desire to be in your will. May “thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.” Amen.

TODAY’S SONG

Darius Brooks “Your Will” (2004); <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1qxs0sfURZM>