

Sweating Blood and Still He Went

Mysteries in the Gospel of John Season 12

Core Message: Jesus faced the cross with full awareness of the suffering ahead, yet He understood that the pain suffered through His obedience to God would serve God's perfect, divine purposes. By comparing Himself to a grain of wheat, He revealed that true life and fruitfulness come only through dying to self. Followers of Jesus are called to adopt the same mindset—placing God's will above comfort, approval, and self-interest. When we surrender our lives to God, in suffering (or even death), He brings eternal fruit and lasting honor.

Main Bible Verses (NASB):

Core Memory Verse: (Philippians 2:8–9) “Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason, also, God highly exalted Him...”

- **(John 12:25)** “He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal.”
- **(John 12:23)** “And Jesus answered them, saying, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.’”
- **(John 12:24)** “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”
- **(John 12:26)** “If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will also be; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.”
- **(John 12:27)** “Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour.”
- **(John 12:28)** “Father, glorify Your name.” Then a voice came out of heaven: “I have both glorified it and will glorify it again.”
- **(James 4:8)** “Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”

Key Points (Fill-in-the-Blank):

- “Yeshua realized that there was _____ in His death.”

3. Are there areas where fear of rejection or loss has kept you from fully obeying God?

4. How can you become more aware of God’s presence and activity in the “small things” of daily life?

Application Challenge of the Week:

Identify one area in your life where obedience to God will cost you comfort or approval. Intentionally choose God’s will in that situation this week, thanking Him for the purpose He is working through it. (Or come up with your own as the Lord leads):

Prayer Prompts:

- “Father, help me surrender my will to Yours.”
- “Give me strength to follow You even when it costs me.”
- “Open my eyes to see Your purpose in every season.”

“The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord cause His fact to shine on you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His face to you, and give you peace.” Numbers 6:22-27 (NASB 95’)