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My Unanswered Prayer

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(Mark 14: 32-42) “And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.”³³ And he took with him Peter and James and John and began to be greatly distressed and troubled.³⁴ And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.”³⁵ And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him.³⁶ And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”³⁷ And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?³⁸ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”³⁹ And 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 taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.⁴² Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

God’s Answer to My Prayers

If the r_____ is wrong God says n_____.

- A m_____ request.

(Matt. 17:1-8) “**And** after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light.³ And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.⁴ And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.”⁵ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son,⁶ with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.”⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified.⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.”⁸ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

- An i_____ request.

(Matt. 20:20-23)²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something.²¹ And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your

kingdom.”²² Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.”²³ He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.”

- A m_____ request.

(Luke 9:51-56)⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him.⁵³ But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them.⁵⁶ And they went on to another village.

If the t_____ is wrong God says s_____.

(Isa. 55:8-9) For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

If I am wrong, God says, g_____.

- An i_____ heart.

(Isa. 64:7) There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in¹ the hand of our iniquities.

- An i_____ heart.

(Isa 59:2) “but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear

- A b_____ heart.
- A s_____ heart.

(James 4:3)³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

- An a_____ heart.

(Proverbs 21:13) “Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.

- A d_____ heart.

(James 1:5-8)⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.⁶ But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.⁷ For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;⁸ he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

If the r_____ is right, the t_____ is right and I am right
God says, g_____.