

SHARPEN THE POINT

For further study of the message.

The Darkest Valley | Part 2

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As Jesus journeyed towards Jerusalem, He wept and He prayed, "*Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.*" Luke 22:42. Even though He knew He was suffering for the Kingdom's sake, Jesus felt the fear and the grief just as we do when we walk through a Dark Valley. Begin your study by reading Luke 22:39-46.

When have you prayed like Jesus did in the midst of your journey through Dark Valley? Did your suffering point others to the Kingdom?

What would you be willing to suffer that God's will be done? In hindsight, when have you done so?

Why would you chose *not* to serve God with your time, talent, treasure and testimony, i.e., not to make room for people who need to hear the Easter story by attending another service time this year? Not to open your home as a Host Home? Do you consider that *suffering*, or is it really serving your Lord?

"In everything we do,

we show that we are true ministers of God.

We patiently endure troubles and hardships and calamities of every kind."

II Corinthians 6:4