



THE GOSPEL of

MARK

Betrayed & Arrested

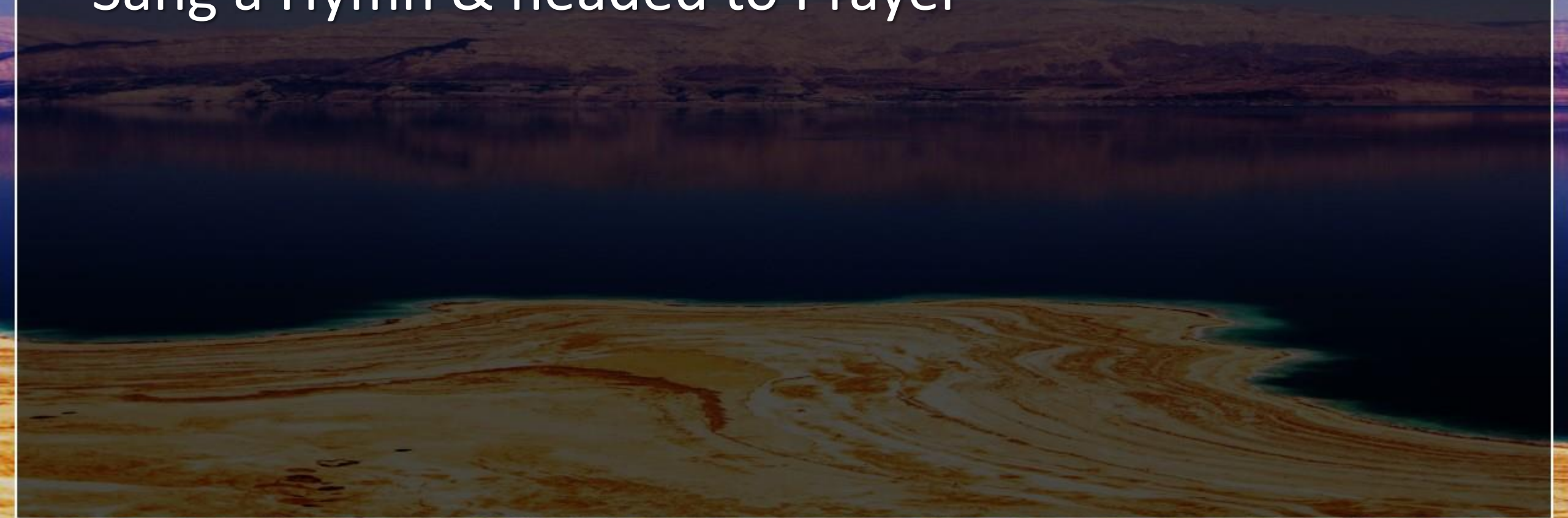
Series on Mark

- amazed how God knew and aligned our journey
- such timely and applicable truth
- series on website, get 'Right Now Media', join in virtual community
- Jesus in Jerusalem for Passover Celebration
 - has just had the meal with Disciples
 - told them He will be betrayed by one

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- told them He will be deserted by all
- told them He will meet them again in Galilee
- Sang a Hymn & headed to Prayer



“And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, “Sit here while I pray.” And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch.” And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 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.”

And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? 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. And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. 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.

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The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

See Also – Matthew 26, Luke 22



1. Jesus Models Facing Crisis

- knowing this is the time, what does Jesus do?

a) Place of Prayer

- Luke 22:39 “And he came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives, and the disciples followed him.”

- not a onetime occurrence – regular pattern going to prayer

b) Partners in Prayer

- invites three close friends into the condition of His soul
- Peter, James & John – shared life and spiritual experiences

c) Expresses the Condition of His Heart

- distressed, troubled, sorrowful unto death – deep emotions
- watch with me, lift me up, I am in need of peace & strength
- Heb. 5:7 “In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence.”

d) Jesus Cries Out

- Abba Father – all things are possible with you
- Remove this cup from me
 - cup – referred to as an image of the wrath of God in OT

Isaiah 51:7 “the cup of his wrath”

Jeremiah 25:15 “Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath”

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- taking the wrath of God upon himself, experiencing the abandonment of the Father, accepting the pain we deserved – brought incredible distress in his soul.

Pleading – is there any other way?

- alignment – not my will but yours be done

What Scripture Tells Us Jesus Was About to Do

- Gal. 3:13 “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, ‘Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree’”
- 1 Peter 2:24 “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”
- Mark 10:45 “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

e) When you face distress alone

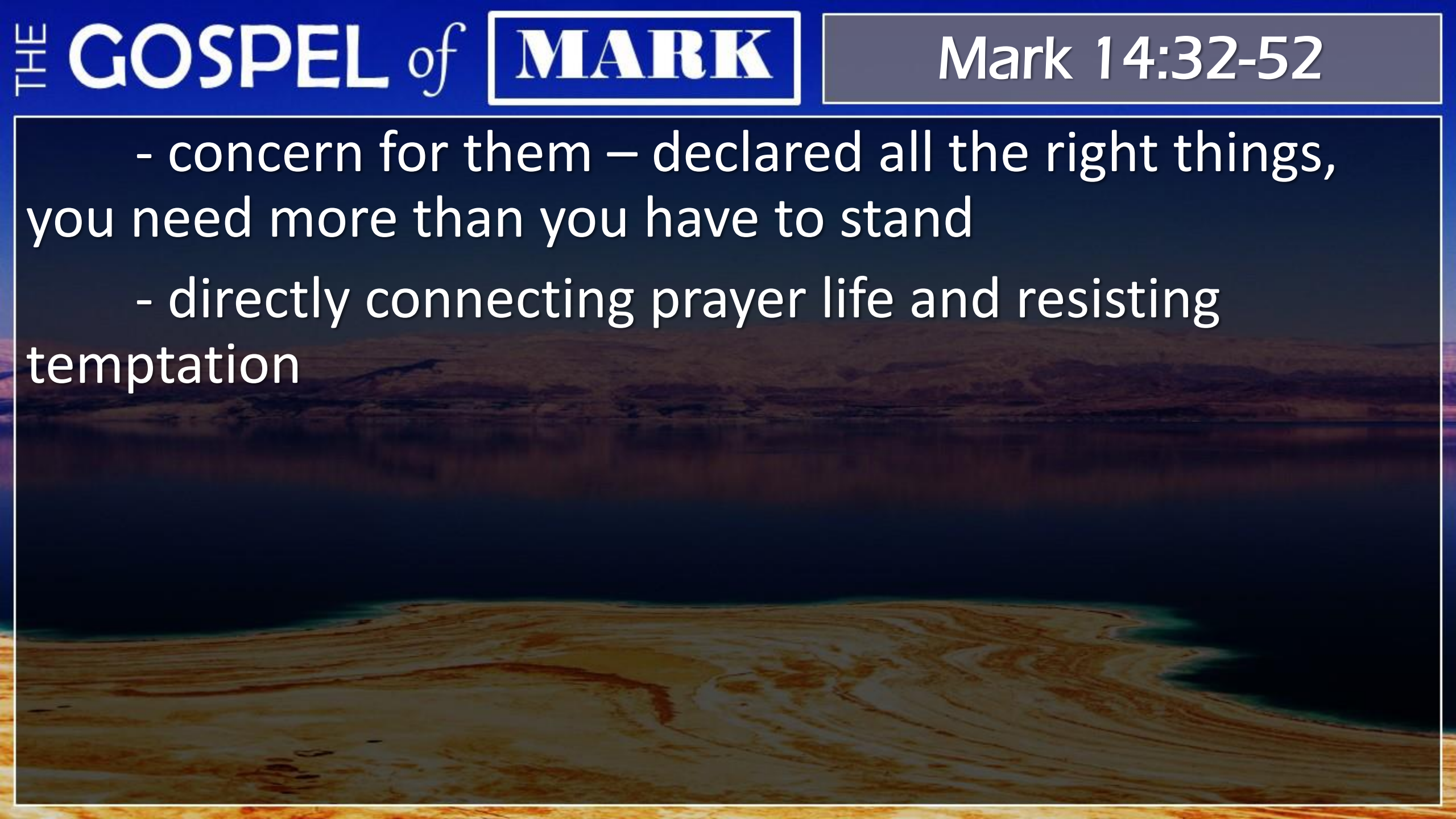
- 3 times finds them sleeping off the feast, not aware of his condition or persisting in prayer

- returns to the Father – Luke 22:43-44 “And there appeared to him an angel from heaven, strengthening him. And being in agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground”

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- concern for them – declared all the right things, you need more than you have to stand
- directly connecting prayer life and resisting temptation



And immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man. Seize him and lead him away under guard." And when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" And he kissed him. And they laid hands on him and seized him. But one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear.

And Jesus said to them, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. But let the Scriptures be fulfilled." And they all left him and fled. And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.

2. Betrayal and Arrest

- in vs.10 Judas has agreed to betray Jesus for cash

a) the Betrayal

- who did it, the nature of how
- the implication and destruction
- God using this for His purpose

*when you think Jesus doesn't understand your feelings when others fail or reject you in this way – He does

b) The Sword Swinger

- other gospels reveal it was Peter swinging the sword
- Tonight Peter: corrected at foot washing, told he could not drink this cup, told He would deny Jesus, fell asleep and corrected
- well intentioned, filled with zeal – cuts off an ear

c) The Response of Jesus

- Luke 22:51 “But Jesus said, “No more of this!” And he touched his ear and healed him.”
- calls them out – why the swords, crowd, when every day we saw each other at the temple?

d) The Desertion

- vs.50-52 “And they all left him and fled. And a young man followed him, with nothing but a linen cloth about his body. And they seized him, but he left the linen cloth and ran away naked.”

- just moments ago declared “But he said emphatically, “If I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And they all said the same.” (v.31)

- stark picture of terror – running away naked

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* If all you saw was this – all looks lost! Disaster for the movement, scattered followers, not at all what they thought it should look like



So What?

1. How does crisis expose my prayer life?

- have I carved out a pattern and place to go to the Father?
- do I have partners, those who journey with shared experience to lean on in honesty and seeking clarity
- have I let disappointment set my expectations, do I return to the Father for what my heart needs?

- have I been the one asleep – not engaging in the distress of others and persisting in prayer alongside them?
- how is Jesus nudging me to change in this area?

2. How am I doing at surrender to God's plan

- especially when I have such strong emotion around desires
- am I honest with how I feel?
- am I willing to trust He knows best, will protect and provide?
- who can I invite to walk with me in that struggle?

3. How is the forgiveness factor in my life

- when others deserted me in a time of need?
- when I let others down?
- am I allowing God's forgiveness to me and through me?

4. Sword Swinging and Jesus Touch

- have I been the well-intentioned swinging at others?
- have I been wounded and run away?
- can I come to Jesus – in any circumstance – for a healing touch?