AGONY IN THE GARDEN

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| l. | Introduction: |
| II. | Unpacking the Passage: |
| | Agony In The Garden: |
| | Jesus "began to be troubled and deeply <u>distressed</u> ." Mark 14:33 |
| | "My soul is exceeding <u>sorrowful,</u> even unto death." Matthew 26:38 |
| | "And being in <u>agony</u> , He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground." Luke 22:44 |
| III. | Four Lessons When Life Begins To Squeeze You Out |
| | A. Don't ShutOut. |
| | "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." Ecclesiastes 4:12 |
| | B. Don't Shut Your Up. |
| | "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death" Matthew 26:38 |

"Bear one another's burden's and so fulfill the law of

Christ." Galatians 6:2

C. Don't Do Things Your Own _____ but God's.

"Call on me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you." Psalm 50:15

"Is any of you in trouble? He should pray." James 5:13

"And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly." Luke 22:44

D. Don't Be .

"... nevertheless not my will, but Yours be done." Luke 22:42

"Jesus got up from praying" Luke 22:45

'Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation." Luke 22:46

IV. Conclusion and Application:

For those of you who may be in the most difficult trial of your life, Ask yourself:

- Have I brought loved ones and trusted friends in to help or have I isolated myself?
- Have I honestly expressed my feelings, or do I believe that I have put on a false front?
- Have I taken my problems to God and have I asked others to pray for me as well?
- Am I being obedient to God's leading in my life or am I using the difficulties in my life as an excuse to run from God?