

JCS FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Wednesday

Easter Week

1. I don't know about you, but I can sleep anywhere. If I'm on a plane, I'm asleep before it takes off. If I'm riding in the car on a long trip, I love to sleep. I'm asleep before my head hits the pillow most nights. There are times when that is good and times when it is not. I often miss the end of a tv show or movie.
2. Share a time when you fell asleep and you shouldn't have. A class or meeting?
3. Read about a time the disciples fell asleep too:

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here, while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me." ³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." ⁴⁰ And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, "So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." ⁴³ And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. ⁴⁵ Then he came to the disciples and said to them, "Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand." Matthew 26:36-46 (ESV)

4. It was the evening after Jesus had introduced the Lord's Supper and had washed their feet. Now they couldn't stay awake. Jesus was begging them to pray. What do we know Peter did the next day? Could prayer have helped?
5. Can you think of something you have prayed for that God answered saying, "Yes?" "No?" "Wait?"
6. While you are home over the next weeks start to keep a list. Pray over the list as a family. I've started to fill a notebook with the prayer requests that I have received from JCS family over the last month. God has answered Yes to some, no to some, and wait to others.
7. Continue to memorize this week's verse: "He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." Matthew 28:6 (ESV)

I'm praying for you and your family. I'm praying it is a life changing week for all of us! Please send any requests or blessings to my email or text them to my cell. If I can help in any way please call.

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