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Genesis 2:8-9 Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. v9 And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground--trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

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THE MASTER AT THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

I. IT WAS THE MASTERS PLACE OF PRAYER v. 35-36

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*Luke 22:39 Jesus went **out as usual** to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him.*

i. JESUS GOES TO MEET THE FATHER –

Jesus falls on the ground and **calls on His Father**. He addressed Him first as, "**Abba**".

Adam and Eve had the same privilege

Gen3:8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

In Him, we have the same privilege! Paul said in **Romans 8:15**, "**For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**" Through Jesus, we have the same privileges that Jesus enjoyed. We are brought into a place of absolute intimacy with the Father!

ii. **JESUS SEEKS TO KNOW THE WILL OF THE FATHER –**

Jesus SAYS *v36 "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. **Yet not what I will, but what you will.**"*

Adam and Eve QUESTION THE WILL OF GOD

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iii. **JESUS REPEATLY TURNS TO THE FATHER –**

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Adam and Eve HIDE FROM GOD

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II. **IT WAS A PLACE OF INTENSE PRESSURE** v 32-34

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The name **Gethsemane** is Aramaic in origin. The word means "**Olive Press**". Gethsemane was, and is, a place where olive trees grew and produced their fruit. The olives were collected, placed in a press and the precious olive oil was extracted from the olives under intense pressure.

i. **JESUS FACED PRESSURE FROM WITHIN –**

v33 He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. v34 "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death,"

The words used here to describe the emotions of Jesus are extreme.

Adam and Eve FACED NO PRESSURE AT ALL

v2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden.

God provided for all their needs!

- ii. **JESUS FACED PRESSURE FROM WITHOUT –**
IT SAYS IN *Luke 22:44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, **and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.***

The burden of the TASK set before Jesus was ENORMOUS. While Jesus was God incarnate, he was still INCARNATE. He faced every moment as fully MAN.

Adam and Eve faced self-imposed PRESSURE

v9 But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" v10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

- iii. **JESUS FACED PRESSURE FROM OTHERS –**
The passage SAYS *v41 Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! The hour has come. Look, **the Son of Man is betrayed** into the hands of sinners."*

Adam and Eve ALSO FACED PRESSURE FROM OTHERS

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II. IT WAS A PLACE TO DISCOVER YOUR PRIORITIES

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- i. **JESUS KNEW HIS PRIORITIES FROM THE BEGINNING –**
*v41 Returning the third time, he said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Enough! **The hour has come. Look, the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.** v42 **Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!**"*

Luke 2:49 "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?"

John 4:34 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."

John 6:37-39 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. v38 For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. v39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day.

ii. **THE DISCIPLES FAILED IN THEIR PRIORITIES** –

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Are we asleep when it comes to God's Work.

iii. **THE DISCIPLES CONFUSED THEIR PRIORITIES** –

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