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Series: Make Room for JesusSeries Big Idea: We often view prayer as a task or an action we perform. We teach children that it is a way of talking to Jesus and asking God to fulfill our desires. We strive to improve our prayer practices to receive more from God. But what if prayer is more than just a simple act? What if prayer is about creating space for us to know Jesus better and become more like him? What if the primary goal of prayer is to connect with Jesus and develop a stronger relationship with him? How would this change our approach to prayer?Text: Luke 22:39-46Title: Wholehearted Surrender

Luke 22:31-32 NIV [31] "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. [32] But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

Luke 22:39-46 NIV

[39] Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. [40] On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." [41] He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, [42] "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." [43] An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. [44] And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. [45] When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow. [46] "Why are you sleeping?" he asked them. "Get up and pray so that you will not fall into temptation." Sermon in a Sentence: The prayer of surrender sets true trust apart.

Prayer is habitually putting ourselves under the care of God and surrendering our will to him.Citation: Maxie Dunnam, Unless We Pray

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