

Prayer & Fasting

WHAT IF
PRAYER
WORKED?

LUKE 22:39-46

JESUS PRAYS ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

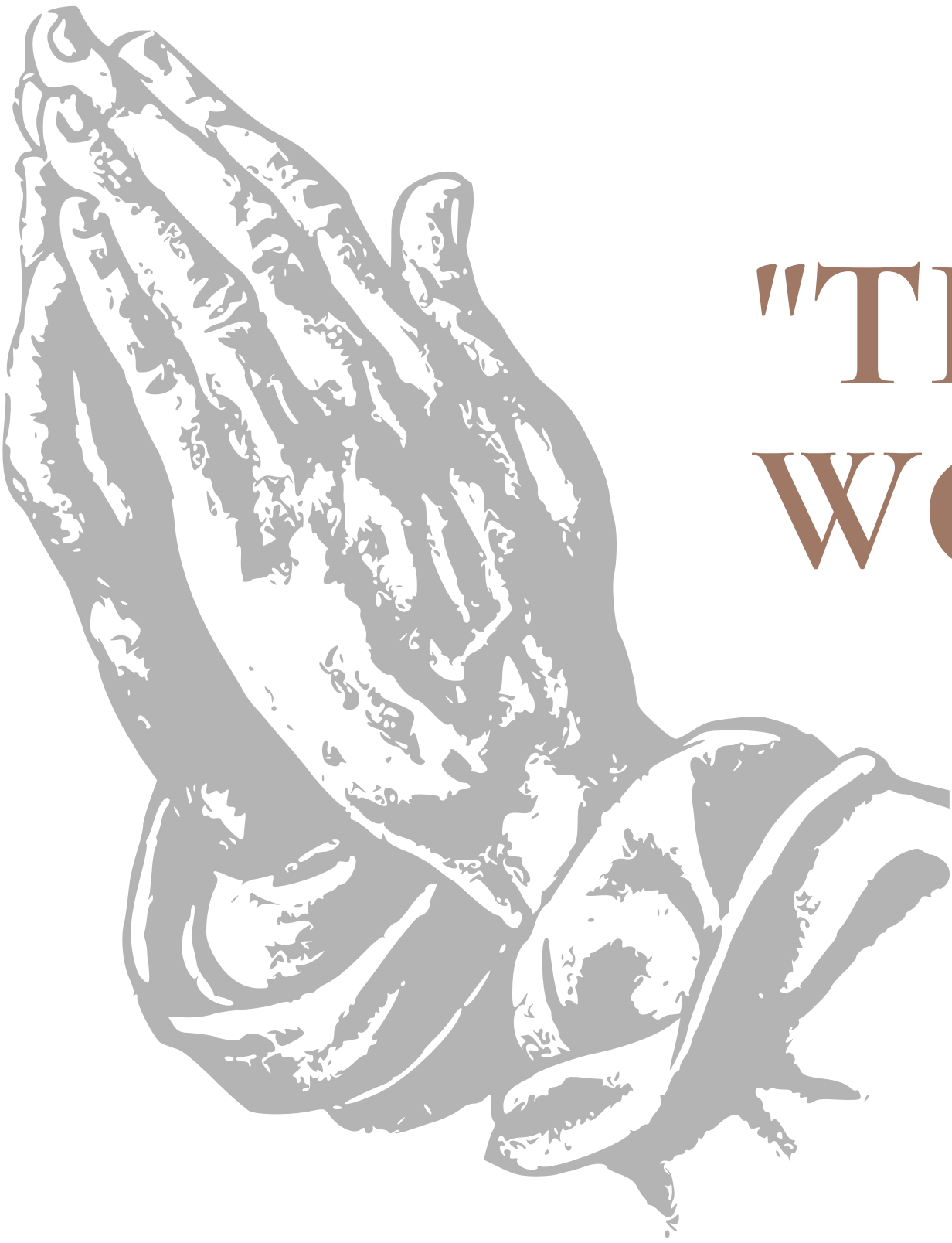
39 THEN, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DISCIPLES, JESUS LEFT THE UPSTAIRS ROOM AND WENT AS USUAL TO THE MOUNT OF OLIVES. 40 THERE HE TOLD THEM, “PRAY THAT YOU WILL NOT GIVE IN TO TEMPTATION.”

41 HE WALKED AWAY, ABOUT A STONE’S THROW, AND KNELT DOWN AND PRAYED, 42 “FATHER, IF YOU ARE WILLING, PLEASE TAKE THIS CUP OF SUFFERING AWAY FROM ME. YET I WANT YOUR WILL TO BE DONE, NOT MINE.” 43 THEN AN ANGEL FROM HEAVEN APPEARED AND STRENGTHENED HIM. 44 HE PRAYED MORE FERVENTLY, AND HE WAS IN SUCH AGONY OF SPIRIT THAT HIS SWEAT FELL TO THE GROUND LIKE GREAT DROPS OF BLOOD.

45 AT LAST HE STOOD UP AGAIN AND RETURNED TO THE DISCIPLES, ONLY TO FIND THEM ASLEEP, EXHAUSTED FROM GRIEF. 46 “WHY ARE YOU SLEEPING?” HE ASKED THEM. “GET UP AND PRAY, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT GIVE IN TO TEMPTATION.”



OUR PRAYERS CAN
ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
WE DO NOT KNOW
WHY, BUT TRUST
THAT GOD DOES.



"THE WRESTLE IS
WORSHIP..." TD JAKES

WE CANNOT KNOW ALL THERE
IS TO KNOW OF GOD.



THE THINGS THAT
YOU VALUE ARE THE
THINGS YOU GIVE
TIME AND ENERGY
TO.



TEMPTATION THE
DESIRE TO SAY YES TO
THE FLESH WHEN THE
SPIRIT IS LEADING
ELSEWHERE.

“WE WOULD NEVER PRODUCE THE FULL RANGE OF BIBLICAL PRAYER IF WE WERE INITIATING PRAYER ACCORDING TO OUR OWN INNER NEEDS AND PSYCHOLOGY...WE MUST NOT DECIDE HOW TO PRAY BASED ON WHAT TYPES OF PRAYER ARE THE MOST EFFECTIVE FOR PRODUCING THE EXPERIENCES AND FEELINGS WE WANT. WE PRAY IN RESPONSE TO GOD HIMSELF.”

TIMOTHY KELLER

“THE IMMATURE CHARACTER ASKS LIFE TO MEET HIS/HER DEMANDS. BUT THE MATURE CHARACTER MEETS THE DEMANDS OF LIFE.”

DR HENRY CLOUD



PRAYER, WORKS.

NOT BECAUSE IT
ALWAYS CHANGES
WHAT YOU SEE, BUT
BECAUSE EARNEST
PRAYER WILL CHANGE
WHO YOU ARE.