

Wholly Weak or Holy Week

Senior Bible Study

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Intro

- *Wholly Weak or Holy Week*
- Seniors, Holy Week marks the time where we begin the weeklong journey of Jesus from the triumphant entry of Palm Sunday through Resurrection Day.
- As I meditated through devotions on Holy Week, I began to see a “play on words” that I believe is relevant to people.
- Surely, we can identify with “Judas” who was so wholly weak that he betrayed Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. Can you identify with the weakness of being betrayed, or betraying someone in your life?
- There is a weakness in Luke 20:20-28, as James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come seeking to sit on the right and left hand of Christ when He comes into his kingdom

Wholly Weakness

- Have you ever experienced the weak move of trying to accomplish things based on others' blood, sweat and tears without earning it yourself? Maybe you see yourself in the weakness of boasting about something that you do not have the strength on your own to fulfill.
- Such is the case with Peter in Matthew 26:31-35. Peter bragged that even if everyone fell away from Jesus, he never would. Jesus said you will deny me this very night before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times! How do you feel as a person who makes promises that cannot be kept?

How to Move to Holy Week!

Your GPSGod Positioning System for guidance

Jesus gives us the blueprint on how to move from being "Wholly Weak, to having a "Holy Week." It is found in Matthew 26:36-46, where Jesus felt mortal weakness and asked the Father to take the cup from Him. Here it is... Jesus said, "but not my will, but let your will be done!" It is that simple brothers and sisters. Whenever you feel like you are too weak to go on, that the weight of life is too much to handle, move boldly to the will of God. It is in God's will that you will find your strength. Trust Him to carry you through and submit to His commands.

7 Words that are our guide to move from Wholly Weak to Holy Week

During your transition from “Wholly Weak” to “Holy Week”, meditate on the Seven Last Words from the Cross. Let them minister to you in your life, apply them to your situation, and watch God show up strong for you:

- 1. *Father, forgive them . . . (Luke 23:34)*
- 2. *This day you will be with me in paradise (Luke 23:43)*
- 3. *Woman, behold your son . . .(John 19:26-27)*
- 4. *My God, my God why have thou forsaken me . (Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34)*
- 5. *I thirst. (John 19:28)*
- 6. *It is finished! (John 19:30)*
- 7. *Father into your hands I commit my spirit. (Luke 23:46)*

Homework

- **Improvement Prayer:** *Lord, I am weak without you, and need your Spirit to strengthen me. Show yourself strong in my life, ignite an inner strength in me to fight the good fight of faith. I need strength to change my community, family, myself, and neighborhood into areas of blessings. Amen*
- **Improvement Meditation:** *Mediate on the seven last words from the cross and apply them to your life.*