

NOT LATER,  
AND  
NOT YET,  
ONLY

NOW!

NEVERTHELESS OBEDIENT WARRIORS!!!

VESSELS OF HONOUR CHURCH, INC.

GOD IS BRINGING US TO AND THROUGH

AS WE EMBARK INTO

TWO-THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO

APOSTLE BILLY AND DR BRENDA BOWERS, FOUNDERS

# PREPARE FOR THE 2022 JOURNEY AS A **NOW!**(NOUN)

## ***“NEVERTHELESS OBEDIENT WARRIORS”***

- CONTINUE FAITHFULNESS TO CONSECRATIONS, PRAYERS, BIBLE STUDY, WORSHIP SERVICES, GIVING, AND ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES
- RE-ENGAGE YOUTH FROM AGE ZERO UP...INCORPORATING THEM IN ALL ASPECTS OF MINISTRY
- EVERY THURSDAY AND FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP 6PM – 7PM FOR THE NEXT 21 – WEEKS ***(JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> – JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>)***
- DEVELOP THE “FITLY – JOINED TOGETHER BODY” OF **NOWS!**
- FOCUS ON HUMILITY, MINISTRY (VERSUS PURPOSE), UNITY, SINGLENESS OF MIND, CLEAR JUDGMENT ADMIST CLOUDY TIMES, ENGAGING AS PREPARED “NOW” SOLDIERS, CONTINUING THE WALK/WALLS/WEAPONS/WINNING
- INCORPORATE ***“WHEN IS YOUR FAITH? (NOW)”*** TEACHING WHILE CONSIDERING THE **IMPACT OF BEING A YESTERDAY OR A TOMORROW WARRIOR VERSUS BEING A “NOW” WHO’S NEEDED TODAY – HERE AND NOW!**
- INITIAL FOCUS: **GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE ACCOUNT IN ALL FOUR GOSPELS, WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE, THE WRESTLE, AND EVERY ASPECT OF THE ARMOR OF GOD WITH AN EMPHASIS ON DONNING AND FIGHTING AS THE LORD’S “NOW” ARMY**

# STARTING THE JOURNEY IN JANUARY

## THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2022 21-WEEKS OF PERFECTING HOLINESS IN THE FEAR OF GOD

- CONTINUE ALL PROTOCOLS AND PRACTICES THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLACE
- **WEEK 1:** WHAT HAPPENED IN THE GARDEN AND WHAT MAY NOT HAVE WORKED IF IT WERE THE DAY BEFORE OR THE DAY AFTER?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY JANUARY 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 2:** WHAT HAPPENED IN THE GARDEN AND WHAT MAY NOT HAVE WORKED IF IT WERE THE DAY BEFORE OR THE DAY AFTER?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 3:** WHAT HAPPENED IN THE GARDEN AND WHAT MAY NOT HAVE WORKED IF IT WERE THE DAY BEFORE OR THE DAY AFTER?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 4:** WHAT HAPPENED IN THE GARDEN AND WHAT MAY NOT HAVE WORKED IF IT WERE THE DAY BEFORE OR THE DAY AFTER?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 5:** WHAT AND WHEN IS “AWHILE?”
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 6:** WHAT AND WHEN IS “AWHILE?”
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY FEBRUARY 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 7:** WHAT AND WHEN IS “AWHILE?”
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 (ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>)

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- CONTINUE ALL PROTOCOLS AND PRACTICES THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLACE
- **WEEK 8:** WHAT WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST AND THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE – THEN VS NOW VS FUTURE  
6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 9:** WHAT WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST AND THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE – THEN VS NOW VS FUTURE  
6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 10:** WHAT WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST AND THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE – THEN VS NOW VS FUTURE
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 11:** WHAT WE WRESTLE NOT AGAINST AND THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE – THEN VS NOW VS FUTURE
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 12:** FULL ARMOUR OF GOD – WHAT AND WHY NOW?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 13:** FULL ARMOUR OF GOD – WHAT AND WHY NOW?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 (**GOOD FRIDAY – EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup>**)
- **WEEK 14:** SUITED AND BOOTED FOR THE “NOW” WAR – WHAT IS THE WAR OF TODAY VS IN THE PAST VS THE FUTURE?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2022

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- CONTINUE ALL PROTOCOLS AND PRACTICES THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLACE
- **WEEK 15:** SUITED AND BOOTED FOR THE “NOW” WAR – WHAT IS THE WAR OF TODAY VS IN THE PAST VS THE FUTURE? 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 16:** SUITED AND BOOTED FOR THE “NOW” WAR – WHAT IS THE WAR OF TODAY VS IN THE PAST VS THE FUTURE? 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 17:** SUITED AND BOOTED FOR THE “NOW” WAR – WHAT IS THE WAR OF TODAY VS IN THE PAST VS THE FUTURE?
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 18:** FULLY TRANSFORMED VERSUS CARNALLY CONFORMED
  - 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 19:** FULLY TRANSFORMED VERSUS CARNALLY CONFORMED 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY MAY 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 20:** FULLY TRANSFORMED VERSUS CARNALLY CONFORMED 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2022
- **WEEK 21:** FULLY TRANSFORMED VERSUS CARNALLY CONFORMED 6PM – 7PM THURSDAY JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 FRIDAY JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

# THEN – NOW – AFTERWHILE

- **STUDY EACH ACCOUNT OF JESUS PRAYING TO HIS FATHER BEFORE BEING APPREHENDED**
- **WHO WAS PRESENT WITH HIM?**
- **WHAT REQUEST(S) DID JESUS ASK THOSE WITH HIM?**
- **WHAT REQUEST(S) DID JESUS ASK HIS FATHER?**
- **WHAT RESPONSE DID JESUS GET FROM HIS REQUESTS?**
- **CONSIDER IMPLICATIONS OF THIS ACCOUNT IF IT WERE TOO EARLY AND/OR TOO LATE VERSUS THE “NOW” OF THE ENCOUNTERS**
- **MAY HAVE CHANGED IF JESUS PRAYED ONE DAY BEFORE?**
- **WHAT MAY HAVE BE DIFFERENT IF JESUS PRAYED ON DAY AFTER?**
- **CAPTURE THE LEARNINGS AND TAKEAWAYS REGARDING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE “NOW”**

# THEN – NOW – AFTERWHILE

## 12 POINT REFLECTION ACTIVITY

1. CONSIDER THE CHARACTERSS IN EACH ACCOUNT
2. WERE THEY “NOW” READY?
3. YES? HOW?
4. NO?
5. HOW?
6. WHAT ONE THING WILL YOU CHANGE THIS WEEK AS YOU PREPARE AS A NOW?
7. WHAT SONG(S)/LYRICS HELPED YOU THIS WEEK (HOW AND WHY)?
8. WHAT DID YOU ANTICIPATE LEARNING THIS WEEK?
9. WHAT DID YOU LEARN FROM SOMEONE ELSE?
10. WHAT WERE YOU SURPRISED TO LEARN?
11. HOW WILL YOU SPREAD THIS EXPANSION OF KNOWLEDGE?
12. WHAT HAPPENED IN THE WORLD THIS WEEK (CURRENT NEWS) THAT ALLOWED YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO REINFORCE WHAT YOU’RE LEARNING?

# GUARDING THE GARDEN

## GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

- The Garden of Gethsemane is where Jesus prayed on the night of His betrayal and arrest (Mark 14:32-50). According to the record in Luke, Jesus' despair in Gethsemane was so deep that He sweat drops of blood (Luke 44-22:43).
- "Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed." (Matthew 37-26:36)
- Sitting at the foot of the [Mount of Olives](#), within the grounds of the Church of all Nations, the tranquil garden has magnificent ancient olive trees that are dated back to approximately 2,000 years ago, still producing [olives](#) today.
- There is debate about the exact age of the olive trees and to whether this was the properly named spot where Jesus prayed. Without a doubt, the amazing trees are offshoots from the same ones that Jesus prayed next to.
- Across the lane is a less-frequented grove, where arrangements can be made to spend a more private time of worship and contemplation.



# **GUARDING THE GARDEN**

## **ACCOUNT RECORDED IN SAINT JOHN MARK'S WRITING**

### **GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE**

- **Mark chapter 14:32 - 42**
- **"32 And they went to a place which was called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, 'Sit here, while I pray.' 33 And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. 34 And he said to them, 'My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch.' 35 And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36 And he said, 'Abba, Father, all things are possible to thee; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what thou wilt.' 37 And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? 38 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' 39 And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. 40 And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to answer him. 41 And he came the third time, and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come; the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.'"**

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## **ACCOUNT RECORDED IN SAINT LUKE'S WRITING**

### **GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE**

- **LUKE 22:31 - 55**
- **<sup>31</sup> And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:**
- **<sup>32</sup> But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.**
- **<sup>33</sup> And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.**
- **<sup>34</sup> And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.**
- **<sup>35</sup> And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.**
- **<sup>36</sup> Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.**
- **<sup>37</sup> For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.**
- **<sup>38</sup> And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.**
- **<sup>39</sup> And he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount of Olives; and his disciples also followed him.**
- **<sup>40</sup> And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation.**
- **<sup>41</sup> And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,**
- **<sup>42</sup> Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.**
- **<sup>43</sup> And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.**

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## **ACCOUNT RECORDED IN SAINT LUKE'S WRITING**

### **GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE**

- **LUKE 22:44 - 55**
- **44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.**
- **45 And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow,**
- **46 And said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, lest ye enter into temptation.**
- **47 And while he yet spake, behold a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him.**
- **48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?**
- **49 When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword?**
- **50 And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear.**
- **51 And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him.**
- **52 Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves?**
- **53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.**
- **54 Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off.**
- **55 And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them.**