"Enough!"

Did you ever say that to someone, or about a situation? We usually say it in reaction to something that is frustrating or annoying us. Parents probably use the term the most often.

In our Scripture passage today, Jesus continues to struggle with his impending suffering and death. On top of all Jesus has to contend with, there is the disciples--those who are supposed to be his friends, his co-ministers, his support. Three times Jesus makes the request of them to "watch and pray." Jesus is starting to sound like a broken record--okay, maybe a scratched CD. Anyways, it appears Jesus is repeating himself. Maybe it seems like this devotional is repeating itself!

Three times Jesus asks and three times the disciples fail to heed, not only Jesus' command, but his example as well. Jesus says "Enough!" Jesus has faithfully fulfilled his part of the relationship. He has tried to give his comrades what they need. The time for the disciples' response is quickly approaching. Are they ready for what is coming? Are we?

Today's Scripture:

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 delivered into the hands of sinners (Mark 14:41 NIV).

Question to Ponder:

What causes you to say "Enough!"? When does enough mean you are frustrated and at the end of your rope? When does enough mean that you have filled all the needed requirements? If Jesus asked you to "watch and pray," think long and hard, what would that look like?

Prayer:

Jesus, you are Enough. How do I watch and pray? I ask for the wisdom to be able to discern my priorities, so that I might have a closer relationship with you and better serve my family and my community. Amen.

Practice: A Weekend Getaway

Take a look at the activities/commitments you have coming up this weekend. Does your schedule include time for/with Jesus? What you do is not as important as how aware you are to the person and presence of Jesus (through the power of the Holy Spirit) at work in your dailyness. Look with your physical eyes and intelligent mind for the activity of God. Understand in your heart that dependence on God is the reality, and since God is love, you have nothing to fear. "Watch and pray" Jesus says to his disciples (which includes us).