AUGUST 30/31, 2014
DON’T BE SO FULL OF YOURSELF!
Matthew 26:31-33 (p. 846)
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QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL PRAYER AND REFLECTION

1. How do you evaluate which weaknesses pride is blinding you from seeing? (In thinking through this, look up these verses — 1 Cor. 10:12; Gal. 6:3; Rom. 12:3; James 1:23-25; Jer. 17:9-10; Prov. 27:6). As you looked at the biblical wisdom on this, what do you need to add to your life to help you?

2. What are some immediate ramifications for your life of the fact that Satan has plans to destroy you and that Jesus is praying for you? (Luke 22:31-34; Heb. 7:25) What about the fact that he wants to destroy everyone you love and care for? How should you be responding to this reality?

EFCC Small Groups are on summer break until September. These questions are provided for personal prayer, reflection and application. There will be no sermon video blog during the summer.

THE MAIN LESSON
___________ blinds us to our ________________ and leads to our ________________. (See Prov. 16:18; 1 Cor. 10:12)

Don’t be full of yourself …

1. Stronger __________ have ________________ you. (Matt 26:31; Prov. 26:12)

2. ___________ has plans to ________________ you. (Luke 22:31; p. 899)

3. ___________ had to intercede to ________________ you. (Luke 22:32; Heb. 7:25)

THE POINT
Without Jesus __________ would be ________________! (See Matt. 26:41)

Using Our S.O.A.P. Journal Devotional

On the following page, you can dive deeper into God’s Word from our study passage via the weekly S.O.A.P. Journal (S.O.A.P. stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer). Our hope in providing this S.O.A.P. companion to the current sermon series is that you will grow deeper in your relationship with the Lord.
S.O.A.P. Devotional Journal

Each day this week, please read through the verses provided. As you move through the week in the passages below, look for something new you didn’t notice the day before and include that observation in your S.O.A.P. Journal notes below.

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75 Days of Prayer

As we lead up to our 75th Celebration, please join us in praying that God will continue to use EFCC to reach others for Christ and to “honor God by living like Jesus.” For more info visit www.efcc.org/ourstory.

Each day includes a verse about God’s faithfulness and a ministry for which you can pray, with the local ministry leader noted in parenthesis. See all the prayers and verses for the 75 days here: www.efcc.org/75-days-of-prayer.

Day 29, Sun., Aug. 31, Junior High Ministry (John Riley)
Pray for our Junior High students as they struggle to find their identity in Christ; pray for God-appointed leaders and interns to mentor them. Psalm 72:18-19, “Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone works wonders. And blessed be His glorious name forever; and may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen, and Amen.”

Day 30, Mon., Sept. 1, Set Free (Kathy Moratto)
Pray for courage to let go of the strongholds, like addictions, so the members can experience freedom in Jesus. Psalm 73:28, “But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all Your works.”

Day 31, Tue., Sept. 2, Biblical Citizenship Team (John Waring)
Pray for God’s wisdom and direction for this ministry. Psalm 75:1, “We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks, for Your name is near; men declare Your wondrous works.”

Day 32, Wed., Sept. 3, Messengers of the Word (Jodie Forbing & Rose Staples)
Pray that God’s unity, joy and purpose will overflow through this group. Psalm 77:14, “You are the God who works wonders; You have made known Your strength among the peoples.”

Day 33, Thur., Sept. 4, Saturday School (Jen Klein)
Pray for committed volunteers to love on these students and to teach them God’s Word. Psalm 78:4, “We will not conceal them from their children, but tell to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength and His wondrous works that He has done.”

Day 34, Fri., Sept. 5, Early Childhood Ministries (Janice Segraves)
Pray for children to come to know Christ as their personal Savior at an early age. Psalm 78:6-7, “That the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born, that they may arise and tell them to their children, that they should put their confidence in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.”

Day 35, Sat., Sept. 6, The Gathering for Young Adults (Rob Klein)
Pray that young adults will invite their friends to attend and grow in their faith. Psalm 86:8-9, “There is no one like You among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like Yours. All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and they shall glorify Your name.”
THE MAIN LESSON: Pride blinds us to our weaknesses and leads to our failure. (See Prov. 16:18; 1 Cor. 10:12)

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before stumbling.” Proverbs 16:18

“Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed that he does not fall.” 1 Corinthians 10:12

Don’t be full of yourself ...

1. Stronger people have fallen before you. (Matt 26:31; Prov. 26:12)

“Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.” Proverbs 26:12

2. Satan has plans to destroy you. (Luke 22:31; p. 899)


“He always lives to make intercession for them.” Hebrews 7:25

THE POINT: Without Jesus failure would be forever! (See Matt. 26:41)

“... the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.” Matthew 26:41