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John 18:1-11

- ◆ Why is so much of the content of John focused on the last few days of Christ's life?
- ◆ It's the climax and the point of Christ's life everything else in NT and Gospels depends on this
- ◆ Are you dependent on this?
- ◆ Grace ~ Mercy ~ Love ~ Sacrifice ~ Provision

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John 18:1

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When Jesus had spoken these words, He went forth with His disciples over the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden, in which He entered with His disciples.

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- ◆ Instances of prophecy regarding gardens in Scripture:
- ◆ Gethsemane = oil press
- ◆ Christ goes on purpose to the garden
- ◆ God knows His own glory and our desperate need for it
- ◆ God goes to these great lengths to give us His glory and to complete us and to cause us to worship Him

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- ◆ Passover~ There were millions in Jerusalem; Christ wanted some peace
- ◆ Are you building in times of reflection and quiet
- ◆ Passed over Kidron
- ◆ Millions of sacrifices
- ◆ The blood drained into the Kidron
- ◆ Christ walked over the old system to be the perfect sacrifice

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John 18:2-4

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² Now Judas also, who was betraying Him, knew the place, for Jesus had often met there with His disciples. ³ Judas then, having received the *Roman* cohort and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. ⁴ So Jesus, knowing all the things that were coming upon Him, went forth and said to them, “ Whom do you seek?”

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- ◆ How could Judas do this?
- ◆ This is ultimately the path of all who choose to stay in sin, because Judas chose to indulge in his sins
- ◆ 600 men came...but Christ is in control!
- ◆ He says, "I am"~ Then submits to them
- ◆ Do you want this kind of submission?
- ◆ The power of serving and lowering yourself to others?

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John 18:5-6

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⁵ They answered Him, “Jesus the Nazarene.” He said to them, “I am *He*.” And Judas also, who was betraying Him, was standing with them. ⁶ So when He said to them, “I am *He*,” they drew back and fell to the ground.

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- ◆ "I am"; reminds of Exodus; a claim of deity; causes them to fall down ("flew down")
- ◆ The bold courage of our Savior!
- ◆ Boldly face your terrible nights
- ◆ The power of our Savior!
- ◆ Boldly face your terrible hours

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John 18:7~11

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⁷ Therefore He again asked them, “ Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Jesus the Nazarene.” ⁸ Jesus answered, “I told you that I am *He*; so if you seek Me, let these go their way,” ⁹ to fulfill the word which He spoke, “ Of those whom You have given Me I lost not one.”

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John 18:7~11

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¹⁰ Simon Peter then, having a sword, drew it and struck the high priest's slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave's name was Malchus. ¹¹ So Jesus said to Peter, "Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, shall I not drink it?"

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- ◆ Peter~ bravely oversteps his limitations
- ◆ Completely misunderstanding the power in "I am"
- ◆ Confusing his spontaneous action with what's best
- ◆ This is what we want changed; our knee-jerk reactions and deep belief in ourselves

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- ◆ Malchus~ Only named here; ear re-attached in Luke
- ◆ Caiaphus' slave and heard his anger
- ◆ What did he hear over the next several days?
- ◆ Simon carried the cross, and it seems his family was converted
- ◆ Nothing for Malchus...Why?

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John 3:17-20

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¹⁷ For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸ He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

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John 3:17-20

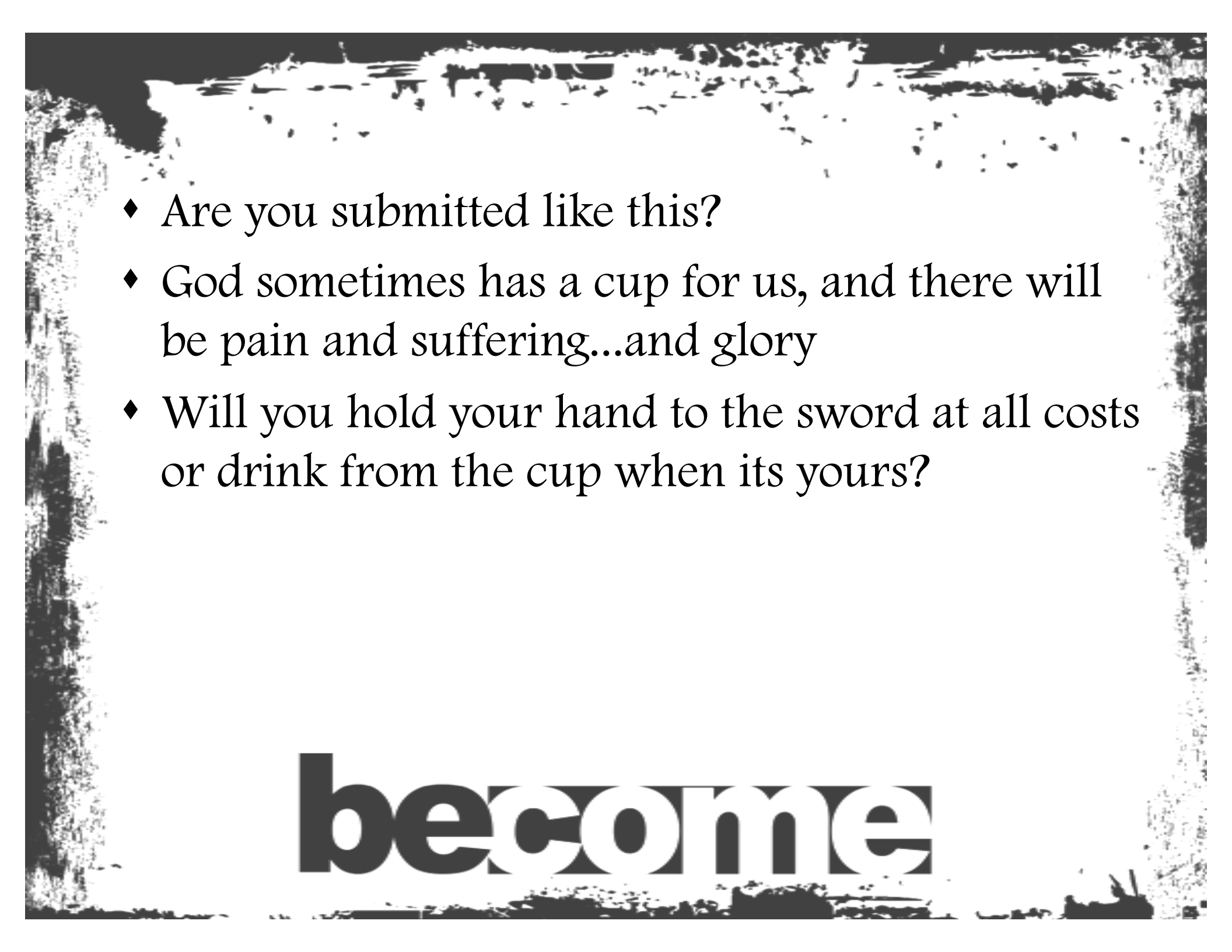
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¹⁹ This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does evil hates the Light, and does not come to the Light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

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- ◆ God gave his son a cup to drink
- ◆ Did God not love his Son?
- ◆ John 5:20
 - ◆ ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself is doing; and *the Father* will show Him greater works than these, so that you will marvel.

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- ◆ Are you submitted like this?
 - ◆ God sometimes has a cup for us, and there will be pain and suffering...and glory
 - ◆ Will you hold your hand to the sword at all costs or drink from the cup when its yours?

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