

WATCH WITH ME

Matthew 26:38

"Stay here and keep watch with me"

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This verse washed over me in the quietness of an early morning hour.

In Gethsemane, at the time and place of the Saviour's anguish, He spoke to those whom He took with Him, "*Watch with me*". These three words conveyed a message to His disciples to be alert; to be aware of the burdens of His heart and to join their hearts with His; to be one in heart, one in mind and one in prayer with Him.

So much spoken in so few words!

We are exhorted in the Word of God to pray for one another, to "*be watchful... with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints...*" (Ephesians 6:18). Our dear Saviour carries the needs of all upon His heart and when we pray in earnest caring prayer for others, we are in tune with His heart. "*Watch with Me*", not alone, but with Him, trusting the Holy Spirit to guide our prayers according to His will.

He communicated to the disciples who were with Him at that time that love upholds the needs of others and His word to us is the same.

He called them, and He calls us, to be involved with His purposes and His actions.

"Blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors..." (Proverbs 8.34)