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How much did the disciples know about their own road ahead?

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What does it mean to take up your cross?

3. The road to the cross was physically brutal for Jesus. He could have called 10,000 angels, yet He remained humble. How does humility play into how we should live our lives? Give a specific example of a real world way for us to be humble.

4. The sleepy disciples just didn't have the strength to stay awake and pray. Can you relate . . . not so much to being tired, but to not praying or not being obedient? How so?

5. Jesus prayed, "Abba." As you know, this is an intimate way a Jewish child would talk to his father. Many think that Jesus was the first to ever pray in such an intimate way to the Father. What does using the phrase "Abba" or "Daddy" do to your prayer life?

What does it tell us about the relationship that Jesus had with the Father?

What about our relationship to the Father?

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