

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

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Are you Prepared for the Mission?

Luke 22:24-38

NOTES:

Being on Mission With Jesus Results in Sharing in His Reward (22:24-28)

1. Greatness in Jesus' kingdom is evidenced by service. (22:24-27)

Luke 22:24 *A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. 25 And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. 26 But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. 27 For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.*

2. Loyal fellowship results in future blessing. (22:28-30)

Luke 22:28 *"You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, 29 and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, 30 that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

Success in Our Mission Depends on Relationship with God and Other Believers (22:31-24)

1. Satan works to cause followers of Jesus to be distracted from the mission.

Luke 22:31 *"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,*

2. Prayer and relationship allow us to endure even when we slip.

Luke 22:32 *but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." 33 Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." 34 Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."*

Luke 18:1 *And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart... 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"*

So, How Do We Strengthen Our Faith When Satan Attacks?

1Pet. 5:6 *Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*

Successful resistance of satanic sifting comes through ...

- a. ... humble prayer and dependence. (vv.6-7)
- b. ... staying alert to the patterns of attack (v.8)
- c. ... knowing, rehearsing and “re-enacting” the Good News of King Jesus’s world saving/world serving mission. (firm in your faith – v.9)
- d. ... knowing that suffering will one day come to a complete end. (v.10)

Christian Mission Takes Place Between the Realities of God’s Provision and Satanic Sifting (22:35-38)

Luke 22:35 *And he said to them, “When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “Nothing.” 36 He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. 37 For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.” 38 And they said, “Look, Lord, here are two swords.” And he said to them, “It is enough.”*

Luke 5:35 *The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.”*

Review/Discuss/Apply:

1. Think back to times in your life when your faith was tested. Were you able to identify that “satanic sifting” was happening, and if so - how? Did you respond negatively or positively?
2. We will all go through seasons when our faith is attacked. Reflect on Luke 22:32 and 1 Peter 5:6-10 and develop a battle plan so that you can endure well and keep focused on the mission.

SONGS

*OH PRAISE (THE ONLY ONE)
FOUND IN YOU
CHRIST BE MAGNIFIED
MY KING FOREVER*

BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$26,292.34
Weekly Need: \$38,322.00

YTD Giving: \$799,069.24
YTD General Need: \$919,728.00

Altamont Expansion Fund (6/12): \$160,561.67

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