



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 22:31-38 (NAS)

Topic: "Grace Through Trial"

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31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat;
32 but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned
again, strengthen your brothers."
33 But he said to Him, "Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!"
34 And He said, "I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three
times that you know Me."
35 And He said to them, "When I sent you out without money belt and bag and sandals, you did
not lack anything, did you?" They said, "No, nothing."
36 And He said to them, "But now, whoever has a money belt is to take it along, likewise also a
bag, and whoever has no sword is to sell his coat and buy one.
37 "For I tell you that this which is written must be fulfilled in Me, 'AND HE WAS NUMBERED
WITH TRANSGRESSORS'; for that which refers to Me has its fulfillment."
38 They said, "Lord, look, here are two swords." And He said to them, "It is enough."

I. GOD GIVES REAL EXAMPLES

A. David

B. Peter Matthew 16:13-16

1. He was a leader
2. He was close to Christ
3. He was boastful
4. He failed the Lord

II. BEHIND PETER'S FAILURES

A. Satan's Attack

1. He sought to destroy Peter
2. God used it as a test to strengthen him
3. Warnings concerning the enemy *1 Pet. 5:8; John 8:44; Ephesians 6:10-*

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B. The Other Enemy From Within

1. Pride
2. Self-sufficiency *John 15:5*
3. Failure to prepare for battle – to pray
4. He saw the physical battle but not the spiritual

C. His Lack Of Faith

1. The Lord prayed for his faith *Hebrews 11:6; Ephesians 6:16; 1 Peter 5:8-9*

III. GOD'S GRACE SEEN IN CONTRAST

- A. Jesus Knew Of Peter's Horrible Sin Which Was Coming
- B. Jesus Prayed For Him *Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; Philippians 1:6*
- C. The Result Was Peter's Repentance *Acts 3:19*

RESPONSE:

1. We Need To See The Enemy Without And Within
2. We Need To Turn From Our Pride And Self-Sufficiency
3. We Need To Be Faithful In Prayer
4. We Need To Rely On God's Grace