20 August 2023

How effective am I?

Luke 22:31-38

³¹Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat.
³²But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith will not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

³³"Lord," said Peter, "I am ready to go with You even to prison and to death."

³⁴But Jesus replied, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me."

³⁵Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you out without purse or bag or sandals, did you lack anything?"

"Nothing," they answered.

³⁶"Now, however," He told them, "the one with a purse should take it, and likewise a bag; and the one without a sword should sell his cloak and buy one. ³⁷For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in Me: 'And He was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about Me is reaching its fulfillment."

³⁸So they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords."

"That is enough," He answered.

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Satan wants me to be
Jesus wants me to be v32
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I have in the light. v33 'God on the mountain'

I need in the dark. v34 Deut.31:6, 1 Jn.1:9, Col.2:13-14

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God is v35 Psalm 32:1, Phil.4:19, 2 Cor.9:8

Little is v36-38

Who am I? I have so little to offer. 'Rock of Ages'

A – Nothing in my hands I bring

- B Simply to Thy cross
- C I cling

My prayer priorities for this week

- S 20 Vi-Lay L.
- M 21 Alison & Richard
- T 22 Mary P
- W 23 Aida, & Axel
- T 24 For someone to tell about our church
- F 25 Phil & Louise
- S 26 Aileen & George
- S 27 Ray & Helen

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

- 1. Satan wants to sift me, v31. How does he do that? What does sifting look/feel like?
- 2. Jesus is in Heaven praying for you right now. What do you think is His prayer request? How will He know the answer to His prayer?
- 3. Why does sifting make me more able to strengthen others? How does the sifting of other people strengthen me? 2 Corinthians 1:3-4
- 4. How do you account for Peter's bold words, v33, but his complete reversal only a few hours later, v34?
- 5. What was Jesus trying to teach us by send out the disciples without provisions, v35? What are some indicators that we have actually learned that lesson?
- Do Jesus instructions, v36, suggest we should all carry weapons? What was the purpose of the two swords, v37?

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