

Insights from Luke

#90: "Clear and Present Danger"

Luke 22:31-38

Luke 22:31

"³¹ Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat."

Luke 22:32

"³² ...but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

Luke 22:33

"³³ But he said to Him, 'Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!'"

Luke 22:34

"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.'"

Luke 22:35-36

"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.'"

Luke 22:37

“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.”

Isaiah 53:12

“¹² Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.”

Luke 22:38

“³⁸ They said, ‘Lord, look, here are two swords.’ And He said to them, ‘It is enough.’”

“Satan has demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat” (Luke 22:31) is a sober reminder to all who take leadership positions in Christ’s church.

We are at our best when we are broken, humble, and dependent.

If we do fail we know that Jesus has prayed for us in advance so that if sin has occurred, faith may never fail.

He identified with us at our worst.