

Spiritual Freedom

#3: Satan's Sifting

Luke 22:31-32

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.” (Luke 22:31-32 NLT)

Primary point: God uses Satan to refine our lives so we become better servants of Christ.

A) God uses Satan to humble us (Luke 22:33-62)

B) God uses Satan to humble us in our strengths (John 18:2-3, 10, 26-27)

C) God uses Satan to humble us in order to use us in greater ways

(John 21:15-17)

Practical applications

- 1) Experience God's grace in your failures.
- 2) Give God's grace to others who have failed. (Colossians 3:13)

Discussion ?'s

- 1) What was most meaningful to you about the Sunday message?
- 2) What is one of your greatest strengths? Have you ever failed in it?
- 3) What helps you “pick yourself back up” after you have failed?
- 4) When have you failed and then experienced the grace and blessing of God?
- 5) How would you explain why Peter would face hundreds of soldiers to defend Jesus, but then a few hours later deny to servant girls that he even knew Jesus?
- 6) Did you complete the homework given and forgive someone for hurting you? What effect has that had?