

Praying Through the Pain

Prayer Type Part 3

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Luke 22:31–34 NIV

Theme: Jesus was preparing for His own suffering, but instead of focusing on Himself, He **interceded** for someone else. He models how to pray for others even while you're in pain.

I. The Attack Is Real

Luke 22:31 – *“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat.”*

- Jesus is literally on His way to the cross—but He’s focused on His disciples.
- **“Sift you as wheat”** = shake, separate, test under pressure.
- This is **spiritual warfare**.

II. The Prayer Is Focused on Faith

Luke 22:32a – *“But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.”*

- He doesn’t stop the sifting, but he intercedes for the outcome.’
- Jesus doesn’t pray for Peter to **avoid** the storm—but that his **faith survives** it.

III. The Comeback Is Part of the Calling

Luke 22:32b – *“And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”*

- Jesus expects Peter to fail... but He **plans for the comeback**.
- Prayer isn’t just about survival—it’s about **restoration and assignment**.

IV. Peter’s Overconfidence and Jesus’ Spiritual Discernment

Luke 22:33 – *“Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.”*

- Peter means well, but he’s not ready for what’s coming.

V. Jesus Was Shown in the Spirit

Luke 22:34 – *“I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”*

- He’s not guessing—He’s speaking from **revelation**.