

Sifted for Greater Service

Text: Luke 22:31-34 (NLT)

³¹ “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. ³² 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.” ³³ Peter said, “Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you.”

³⁴ But Jesus said, “Peter, let me tell you something. Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me.”

The Situation - Luke 22:1 – 31

Judas Betrays Jesus - Luke 22:1-3

The Disciples are arguing among themselves - Luke 22:23-24

The Devil has demanded permission to sift Peter and the Disciples - Luke 22:31-32

Peter boast about his loyalty to Christ - Luke 22:33

The Sifting Wheat - Photo

Sifting wheat is one very important step in the process of turning wheat into flour. Sifting is shaking the wheat violently through a round in the wind so it will separate the wheat from the chaff.



Flour Sifting Example

Why does Jesus allow all his disciples to be sifted by Satan?

1. Sifting is a necessary part for transformation.
2. Sifting enlarges your capacity and facilitates faith and character development.
3. Sifting develops consistency.
4. Sifting strengthens you to serve and strengthen others.