

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

LUKE CHAPTER 22:31-34

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

WHEN HOPE SEEMS LOST

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, SON OF MAN, SAVIOR OF ALL MANKIND*

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Church, today we're gonna break away from the regularly scheduled stop in our study through the Gospel of Luke and take the opportunity to "Magnify the Moment" as it were, that appears in verses 31 to 34....

Hopelessness is a Very Painful Thing to Endure

It causes us to think, say or do things that we would not normally do...

Psalm 43:5

Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? **Hope in God**; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

Hope or the absence of hope is a driving factor in our lives

Luke 22:24-26

Now there was also a **dispute** among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. :25 And He said to them, "The **kings** of the Gentiles (*Nations*) exercise **lordship** over them, and those who exercise **authority** over them are called 'benefactors.' :26 But **not so among you**; on the **contrary**, he who is **greatest** among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves.

Luke 22:27-30

For who *is* greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? *Is* it not he who sits at the table? Yet **I am among you as the One who serves.** :28 "But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. :29 And I bestow upon you a **kingdom**, just as My

Father bestowed *one* upon Me, :30 that you may eat and drink at My table in My **kingdom**, and sit on **thrones** judging the twelve tribes of Israel.....”

Luke 22:31-34

....And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may **sift** you as wheat. :32 But I have prayed for you, that your **faith** should not fail; and when you have **returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.**” :33 But he said to Him, “Lord, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death.” :34 Then He said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me.”

Peter the Man was Peter the Great.

His personality must have been a real joy to have been around. Remember he was a fisherman (patient, resourceful, gnarly, honest, straight shooter,)

Little did Peter know

That a Soul-Quake was about to Hit

Everything that Peter thought was secure was about to be shaken.

(a foundation seems like a waste of time and money, after all, who's going to see it?)

I have been an active, involved Christian for over 30 years, but I can tell you this morning, I've Never Seen God's People being Refined Like I am today.

1 Peter 4:16-17

Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. :17 For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God;

WHEN HOPE SEEMS LOST

1.) There are reasons to hope again

v.31-32a

what happens, what do we do,
when our breath is taken away?

after the reality sets in that some great event has just hit my life?
Do we run to the phone // do we Facebook // or twitter // Where ?

THERE ARE REASONS TO HOPE AGAIN

1a.) You're about to learn the truth

v.31

...And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you,

The Truth of God is Not Always Appreciated!

at this moment Peter's life had been on cruise control, autopilot...

Jesus Educates Peter That There's an Enemy Afoot

"asked"

he has made demands regarding you!

Satan's "Presumption" is that he's got something on Ol' Peter. Truth be told - he does. And me too...

In Later Years Peter would write this...

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. :9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

John 18:37

...For this **cause** I was born, and for this **cause** I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. ***Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.***"

1b.) You're about to experience the faithfulness

v.31

...that he may **sift** you as wheat.

The Faithfulness of God is Not Always Seen!

This "sift" or "sifting" is a very violent word. To rip, tear, to grind...

There's Times in Life When Life "Sifts"
Where do you go to or what do you do?

Psalm 91:1

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. :2 I will say of the LORD, "*He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.*"

“Will this equipment last?” or “What’s this rope made out of?”
what is my life’s foundation and footing?

Jeremiah 15:16

Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts.

THERE ARE REASONS TO HOPE AGAIN

1c.) You’re about to see the power v.32

But I have prayed for you, that your *faith* should not fail...

The Power of God is Not Always Felt!

Have you ever been near some real power?

(1) Niagara Falls, (2) Hoover Dam-gates Opened, (3) A Real Storm
I will never forget the “sucking sound” of a train passing by when I was stupid.

Nothing Can Compare to the Power of God’s Word

WHEN JESUS SPEAKS, WHEN HE PRAYS, WHEN HE SAYS

Christian, Jesus is Praying for You (*if you need It*)

Into the Fray

Psalm 107:20

He sent His word and healed them, And delivered *them* from their destructions.

WHEN HOPE SEEMS LOST

2.) Your hope is about to be restored v.32b

...:32b and when you have *returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.*”

what kind of situations could arise in our lives that would require that Jesus Christ Himself would pray for us?

YOUR HOPE IS ABOUT TO BE RESTORED

2a.) He's been praying for you to return

v.32

...:32b and when you have returned *to Me, strengthen your brethren.*"

The Reality of the Bible - - The Wisdom of it All

Have you ever made the wrong turn not knowing?
In your life, isn't it possible that you've made the wrong turn?

Are you a "Used to be" Christian, An "Almost" Christian, The "Once" Christian

Psalm 119:71

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes.

That I May learn Your statutes

Without Affliction

His power and strength and heart is known only a little bit.

Philippians 3:10

that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

There's a Silence in Suffering That Cannot be Substituted

2b.) He's been expecting you

v.3

...:32b and when you have returned to Me,
strengthen your brethren."

and when you (Jack) have returned

I have a question for you today?
Where are you? Are you in the sifter, grinder, the lazy-boy?

Revelation 2:1-5

“To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, ‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands :2 “I know your works, (Ephesus) your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars... :4 Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. :5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.”

YOUR HOPE IS ABOUT TO BE RESTORED

2c.) He’s been waiting to show you off

v.32

...:32b and when you have *returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.*”

In this crisis in Peter’s life,

An amazing truth comes out, it’s that the Lord **allowed Peter to leave**. He tolerated Peter’s denial and showed mercy... I will wait for you!

when you have returned to Me, **strengthen** your brethren.”

strengthen sthri÷zw sterizo, *stay-rid’-zo*;

a medical term meaning “to set fast” to take what’s broken
and “set straight” again

As they sailed – He was waiting. // As they slept – He was waiting
As they went – He was waiting // As they fled – He was waiting

Matthew 13:43

Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

WHEN HOPE SEEMS LOST

3.) Real hope will be infused

vv.33-34

Peter, I love you and I know that,
But I am going to tell you how it's going to be.

Becoming a Christian
It's both a wonderful thing and a terrible thing.
It's comforting and disturbing at the same time.

REAL HOPE WILL BE INFUSED

3a.) Only when we decide to give up our lives v.33

:33 But Peter said to Jesus, "**Lord**, I am
ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."
(unlike the rest of these losers at this table, I will never fail you)

THERE'S A DEATH THAT GIVES BIRTH TO HOPE

Acts 16:23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. **:24** Upon receiving such orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. **:25** About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. **:26** Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open,

3b.) Only when we face our total need for Him v.34

Then Jesus said, "I **tell** you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

ANY HOPE OR RELIANCE UPON MYSELF DISAPPOINTS

2 Corinthians 7:4

Great *is* my boldness of speech toward you, great *is* my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am exceedingly joyful in all our tribulation.

Christianity Has Been Accused of Being too Easy
And then too Hard - And for good reason, Because both are True!

This is Hard - Matthew 16:24-25

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. :25 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. – ***That is a hard thing, beyond hard, more like impossible!!!***

This is Easy - Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. :29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. :30 For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light." – ***This is an easy thing, almost silly it's so easy***

All This is His Process in Our Lives.
He will not end the work until He is done.

Galatians 4:19

My little children, for whom I **labor in birth again** until Christ is **formed** in you,

Formed morfo/w morphoo, *mor-fo'-o*;

to be **refashioned** or to be **reformed**. This very process is the reason/cause for men and women to be "born again" as Jesus put it.

He Will Not Stop – He Cannot, He Doesn't Know How to Stop.
Because Quitting is Not in His Nature...

Philippians 1:6

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a **good work** in you **will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ**;

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, :9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. :10 For **we are His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

"Who hasn't had a toothache?

What did you do about it. I would take an aspirin and pray to God that all would be well in the morning. Inevitably I would find myself at the dentist. Was he content to only deal with the tooth that hurt? He was not. He poked and probed every other tooth I had before he pulled the one that bothered me.

If you give your dentist access to **a** tooth –
he'll take your mouth.

If you give your Lord access to **a** bad habit or a sin – He's taken
your life.

He does the whole job, nothing halfway.
It's all or nothing at all!

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.

Colossians 1:27b

this is the mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

REAL HOPE WILL BE INFUSED

3c.) Only when we open up to the real Jesus Christ v.32

But I have prayed for you,
(1) that your **faith** should not fail; and (2) when you have **returned to Me,**
(3) **strengthen your brethren.**”

But I (Jesus Christ) have prayed for YOU;

(1) that **your faith** should not fail =
(2) when **you** have **returned to Me,** =
(3) **strengthen your brethren.**” =

Hebrews 7:24-26

But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. :25
Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through
Him, since He always lives to make **intercession** for them. :26 For such a High Priest
was fitting for us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners,

John 17

Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: “Father, the hour has
come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, :2 as You have given Him
authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given
Him. :3 And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus

Christ whom You have sent. :4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. :5 And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. :6 ¶ “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world. They were Yours, You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. :7 Now they have known that all things which You have given Me are from You. :8 For I have given to them the words which You have given Me; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came forth from You; and they have believed that You sent Me. :9 ¶ “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours. :10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. :11 Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as *We are*. :12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. :13 But now I come to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves. :14 I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. :15 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. :16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. :17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. :18 As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. :19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. :20 ¶ “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; :21 that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. :22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as *We are* one: :23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me. :24 “Father, **I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am**, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world :25 O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. :26 And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare *it*, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

End of Study
