

**A Tale of Two Betrayals**  
Luke 22:31-34, January 21, 2018  
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Take note how the verses we studied last week and the warning we will look at today show up again in the writings of Peter, 1 Peter chapter 5:

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Christians have an \_\_\_\_\_ that means us harm. We need to be guarding our heart against his wicked plans and ready to defend ourselves if his temptations should come our way.

The term 'you' as it is used in verse 31 is \_\_\_\_\_, so it applies not only to Peter but to all the disciples. That term switches to the singular form in verse 32 and beyond as Jesus focuses on Simon Peter's future.

What does it mean that Satan desires to *SIFT* the disciples?

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\*This warning reminds us that close proximity to and faith in the LORD Jesus does not guarantee a \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ existence!

Peter's confident declaration in verse 33 that he will not leave Jesus' side, even if the consequence were to be prison or death, is an \_\_\_\_\_ promise.

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The warnings he receives from Jesus could very well be to us as well. Sin is \_\_\_\_\_, it is unfaithfulness to our loving Savior who sacrificed Himself to rid us of it. There is something to be learned as we see how Peter responds to his failure.

**The last several verses essentially tell the story of two betrayals:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ betrays Jesus
2. \_\_\_\_\_ will soon betray Jesus

How does Judas react when he realizes the gravity of his betrayal?  
(see Matthew 27:3-5)

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In what ways does Peter's reaction to his own betrayal differ from that of Judas? (see John 21:1-19)

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1. Peter does not \_\_\_\_\_. He does not reject Jesus' followers before they have a chance to reject him. Though his faith has faltered, he knows his place is among believers.
2. Peter does not set out to \_\_\_\_\_ on his own. There is no elaborate penance by which Peter tries to undo his sin. The solution is not self-punishment or behavior modification, the solution is grace.
3. Peter does not shrink \_\_\_\_\_ from Jesus, he runs \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus! Though his sin has come between them, his only desire is to be near to His Savior again, so he seeks Him only to find that Jesus was the one seeking out Peter.

*<sup>32</sup> but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."*

According to this verse, what does Jesus intend for Peter to do upon repenting of his betrayal and returning to His Savior?

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## A Better Betrayal

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Christians have an **ADVERSARY** that means us harm. We need to be guarding our heart against his wicked plans and ready to defend ourselves if his temptations should come our way.

The term 'you' as it is used in verse 31 is **PLURAL**, so it applies not only to Peter but to all the disciples. That term switches to the singular form in verse 32 and beyond as Jesus focuses on Simon Peter's future.

What does it mean that Satan desires to *SIFT* the disciples?

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\*This warning reminds us that close proximity to and faith in the LORD Jesus does not guarantee a **TRIAL-FREE** existence!

Peter's confident declaration in verse 33 that he will not leave Jesus' side, even if the consequence were to be prison or death, is an **EMPTY** promise.

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The warnings he receives from Jesus could very well be to us as well. Sin is **BETRAYAL**, it is unfaithfulness to our loving Savior who sacrificed Himself to rid us of it. There is something to be learned as we see how Peter responds to his failure.

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1. Peter does not **FLEE**. He does not reject Jesus' followers before they have a chance to reject him. Though his faith has faltered, he knows his place is among believers.
2. Peter does not set out to **MAKE THINGS RIGHT** on his own. There is no elaborate penance by which Peter tries to undo his sin. The solution is not self-punishment or behavior modification, the solution is grace.
3. Peter does not shrink **AWAY** from Jesus, he runs **TO** Jesus! Though his sin has come between them, his only desire is to be near to His Savior again, so he seeks Him only to find that Jesus was the one seeking out Peter.

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