Failure and Hope

Luke 22:231-38
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The Big Idea: Peter fails spectacularly after Satan is allowed to test him. Jesus assures him (and us) that in times of testing we are being prayed for by the Son of God and that after repentance and restoration we are to help our brothers and sisters.

Luke 22:31-38 (ESV)

22 31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded *to have you*, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 ***but*** I have prayed for you *that your faith may not fail*. And *when you have turned again*, strengthen your brothers."

33 Peter said to him, "Lord, *I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death*." 34 Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

35 And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." 36 He said to them, "But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one.

37 For I tell you that *this Scripture must be fulfilled in me*: 'And he was numbered with the transgressors.' For what is written about me has its fulfillment." 38 And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

Scriptural Truth About Failure and Hope:

- ☐ **Satan stands in opposition** to everything God loves and is doing, including what God is doing in your life. John 8:44; John 10:10

- ☐ **Satan's work in people is never for their good** but is aimed at their destruction. However, he can only do what God allows. Job 1; James 4:7

- ☐ **Jesus is faithfully praying for you that you will trust Him.** Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:24; Romans 8:33-35; 1 John 2:1; John 17:20

- ☐ **Failure is not the final word on your life.** After surviving a failure and being restored by Jesus we are called to a responsibility and opportunity of strengthening others. 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; 1 Peter 2:20-25; 1 Peter 3:15-16

- ☐ **Trouble is a certainty in this life.** Sometimes it feels manageable and sometimes it seems impossible. The common denominator for the Christian is the presence of Jesus. Psalm 46:1

17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of
glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen
but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient,
but the things that are unseen are eternal.
2 Corinthians 4:17–18 (ESV)