

Title: Prelude to the Cross
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Text: Luke 22:31-34
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Luke 22

31 “Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. **32** But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.” **33** But he replied, “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.” **34** Jesus answered, “I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me.”

1. Be _____ (v.33-34)

2. Consider _____ (v.31)

3. Put _____ (v.32)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **1 Corinthians 10:12**. Describe the sort of mindset that God warns about in this passage? How might you detect that you are starting to think this way (before it's too late)?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 12:5-10**. What are some of the difficulties in your life which have helped to keep you dependent on God's varied provisions?
3. Read **1 Peter 5:8-11**. What should be the right reaction to the startling revelation found in v.8. Why is it good for Christians to be mindful of this reality?
4. Read **Ephesians 6:10-18**. Describe a few of the ways you have been strengthened from some of the particular pieces of "armor" listed in this passage?
5. Read **1 Corinthians 1:26-31** and **Jeremiah 9:23-24**. What can you do to keep this perspective in view, particularly when things are going well in life and God has surrounded you with many good things?