

Title: Prelude to the Cross
Subtitle: Trusting and Planning
Text: Luke 22:35-38
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Subject Matter: Planning. Provision. Sovereignty.

1. Fearlessly _____ (v.35)

2. Wisely _____ (vv.36, 38)

3. Biblically _____ (v.37)

Luke 22

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."

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Matthew 6:25-34**. Why is this perspective difficult for Christians to maintain? What are some of the misconceptions that can arise from an isolated reading of this passage?
2. Read **1 Samuel 17:37**. Noting the context of this verse, how can a thoughtful assessment of your past experience of God's work in your life help you as you seek to face the future without fear or anxiety?
3. Read **Philippians 1:19-21**. How can worry and fear inhibit your service for Christ? What aspects of living for Christ in our world require courage?
4. Read **Proverbs 6:6-9; 21:5** and **24:27**. In your own words, describe how a Christian can keep the principles of Matthew 6:25-34 in view, while applying the wisdom called for in these proverbs.
5. Read **Proverbs 21:31**. Especially in light of your role as a representative of Christ in our generation, how should this verse specifically impact your prayers and your planning?