

**Luke: Heaven's Savior with a Human Touch**  
**Superiority, Sifting & Swords**  
**Luke 22:24-38**  
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Come Down the **LADDER!**

**Leadership Pitfalls**

1. Superiority makes you great—**MORTIFICATION**. Luke 22:24-30

**Luke 22:24–38 — 24** *A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.*

**25** *And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. 26 But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. 27 For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.*

**28** *“You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, 29 and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, 30 that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

**MORTIFICATION.**

**Romans 12:1–3 — 1** *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. 3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.*

2. It won't happen to me—**INTERCESSION**. Luke 22:31-34

**31** *“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat,*

**1 Peter 5:8 — 8** *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

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

**1 Peter 1:6-7 — 6** In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, **7** so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**1 Peter 4:12-13 — 12** Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. **13** But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

**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."

### INTERCESSION.

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3. Things will always be the same—PREPARATION. Luke 22:35-38

**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."

**saiyah 53:12 — 12** Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

**John 18:36 — 36** Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

**...Ephesians 6:17 — 17** and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

**Hebrews 4:12 — 12** For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

## PREPARATION.

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Let's talk about superiority, sifting & swords...

1. What does the discussion the disciples had about which one of them was to be regarded as the best tell you about what they heard Jesus say about being betrayed by one of them (v.24)?
2. What is the world's basic model for leadership (v.25)?
3. What did Jesus say the model for leadership is supposed to be for one who would follow Him (v. 26)?
4. Give an example of the world's leadership and Jesus' kind of leadership that you have seen. What was different about them?
5. What reason did Jesus give for why the disciples should adopt His model for leadership (v. 27-30)?
6. What is Satan's desire for the life of the believer in Jesus (v.31)?
7. How can we use the failures we experience in following Jesus to strengthen others (v.32)?
8. How would you respond to Jesus if He said that you were headed for a major failure in your life (v.33)?
9. What can you do to make sure that you don't fall prey to the pride that Peter demonstrated (v. 33)?
10. How should our methods change today in light of the circumstances that we face (v.35-37)?