

Who Christ Counts On In Difficult Times

Luke 22:24-38

I. Humble: Servanthood Lifts Up Others Instead Of Lifting Up Oneself (24-27)

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.

- **Servanthood is coming underneath a person to elevate them up to what God wants them to be**
 - **John 3:30** He must increase, but I must decrease
 - **Mark 10:45** For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. (cf. Mt 20:28)
 - **Mark 9:35** If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all

II. Enduring: Those Who Stay Are Used In Greater Ways (28-30)

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.

III. Faithful: Self-Confidence Undermines Good Intentions (31-34)

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."

IV. Prepared: Human Preparation Is Less Adequate Than Scriptural Fulfillment (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."

Conclusion:

- Humble
- Enduring
- Faithful
- Prepared