

# Who Christ Counts On In Difficult Times

Luke 22:24-38

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

<sup>24</sup> A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. <sup>25</sup> And he said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. <sup>26</sup> But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. <sup>27</sup> 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)

<sup>28</sup> "You are those who have **stayed with me in my trials**, <sup>29</sup> and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, <sup>30</sup> 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)

<sup>31</sup> "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, <sup>32</sup> but I have prayed for you that your **faith may not fail**. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." <sup>33</sup> Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death." <sup>34</sup> 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)

<sup>35</sup> And he said to them, "When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?" They said, "Nothing." <sup>36</sup> 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. <sup>37</sup> 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." <sup>38</sup> And they said, "Look, Lord, here are two swords." And he said to them, "It is enough."

### Conclusion:

- Humble
- Enduring
- Faithful
- Prepared