



DGM Message Summary: Simon, Simon

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Key Points:

- God has a way of looking past our junk and seeing what we can become (RE Luke 22:31)
- We sometimes get so caught up in our accomplishments that we miss that things are shifting; we may even have a target painted on our back (RE Luke 22:31)
 - Sometimes, we unknowingly license the devil to intervene in our lives through our negative attitudes, such as pride, which is of the devil (so he is entitled to it)
 - As God promotes you, don't get so caught up that you forget you are in a spiritual battle
- Most do not walk away from God because of what someone else did, but with what they discover Jesus to be (RE Mark 14:27)
 - We want the God that will provide promises, not discipleship, correction, etc.
- When you reach a point where God's word applies to everyone but you (or you start arguing with God), Satan is about to do you in
 - You have to learn to trust God and believe in His Word more than you believe in yourself
 - God works in spite of us, and not because of us!
- Sometimes, we have to learn lessons from those who hate us (as some will only learn from consequences)
- Just like Peter, God knows we will go astray but He is not focused on the failure, but on the comeback
 - God sometimes lets us fiddle around in our folly to learn some very valuable lessons
 - No matter how far we go astray, God still has a plan for us! (He will use our trials for his glory and as a testimony)

- In order to be a dispenser of grace, you have to be a recipient of it
 - You cannot enter into ministry until you fail
- When you really belong to God, people can tell no matter how hard you try to fit in with the crowd
- When we see our wretchedness and the fact that God still loves us, anyhow, all we can do is weep.

Scriptural References:

- Luke 22:31
 - Jesus always called Peter by the name of Simon when he was in trouble
 - Jesus was speaking in sadness because Simon was so caught up in ministry and wasn't paying attention to the spiritual things (i.e. Satan's attack) happening behind the scenes
 - During this dark period, God gave Simon the one thing he could rely on: intercession
 - Jesus prayed that Peter's faith would not fail when he failed
- John 1:40-42
 - Simon would not have become Peter had his brother not brought him to Jesus
 - The name change symbolized God giving Simon a new identity or label to enter into a new season in his life
 - Cephas: a stone or a rock
 - God saw what Simon was and the rock he could become
- Mark 14:27-30
 - Jesus warned the disciples they would desert him, but Peter promised that he'd never do that (as if Jesus didn't already know his heart), so Jesus had to put him in check
- Zechariah 13:7
 - The written Word also confirmed the fact all of the disciples will stumble