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Luke 22:24-34

- I. "Also a dispute ..." (Time to focus on the obvious relational battle) [24-30]
 - A. Betrayal in the midst ...
 - B. Dispute over which one was considered to be the greatest.
- II. Christ reveals Himself as the servant.
 - A. Greatness in the world...
 - B. Greatness in the Kingdom of God.
- III. Also a conflict ... (Time to focus on the hidden spiritual battle) [31-34]
 - A. Jesus demonstrates compassion, care, and prayer for one who is about to fall.
 - B. Simon's complete unawareness of the spiritual battle, Satan's pending attack, and his inability to stand strong.
 - C. Simon's future failure comes at no surprise to Jesus ...
 1. Jesus knows the power of the tempter.
 2. Jesus knows the weakness of the one tempted.
 3. Jesus even knows the details of the failure.
- IV. Application:
 - A. **Grace Point:** Jesus, held the position of greatness, but came into our world to serve: ***Do you strive for greatness ... or seek out opportunities to serve?***
 - B. **Grace Point:** Jesus' goal for each of us is to have the ministry of strengthening one another. ('strengthening our brothers').
 1. Satan will attempt to 'sift us as wheat'
 2. We may stumble and fall.
 3. Jesus is always there to restore.
 4. Following restoration, we are to get on with the ministry of strengthening one another.

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P: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

C: **Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—**

P: who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

C: **who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,**

P: who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:1-5)

C: **...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.**

P: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

*Hymn No. 3 *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Everlasting king!

Praise Him for His grace and favor To our fathers in distress; Praise Him, still the same as ever; Slow to chide, and swift to bless;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Frail as summer's flower we flourish; Blows the wind and it is gone;
But, while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the high Eternal One.

Angels in the height, adore Him; ye behold Him face to face;
Saints in triumph bow before Him, Gathered in from every race:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

*Invocation

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²⁴ Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. ²⁵ Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. ²⁶ But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. ²⁷ For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. ²⁸ You are those who have stood by me in my trials. ²⁹ And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, ³⁰ so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹ "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."

³³ But he replied, "Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death."

³⁴ Jesus answered, "I tell you, Peter, before the rooster crows today, you will deny three times that you know me."

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*Hymn No. 258 *We are Gathered for Thy Blessing*

We are gathered for Thy blessing, We will wait upon our God;

We will trust in Him who loved us,

And who bought us with His blood.

Spirit, now melt and move ~ All of our hearts with love.

Breathe on us from above, With old-time power.

We will glory in Thy power, We will sing of wondrous grace;

In our midst as Thou hast promised,

Come, O come and taky Thy place.

Spirit, now melt and move ~ All of our hearts with love.

Breathe on us from above, With old-time power.

Bring us low in prayer before Thee,

And with faith our souls inspire,

Till we claim by faith the promise Of the Holy Ghost and fire.

Spirit, now melt and move ~ All of our hearts with love.

Breathe on us from above, With old-time power.

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Hallelujah, Thine the glory! Revive us again.

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*Choral Benediction No. 170 *One Day* (refrain)

Living — He loved me, dying — He saved me,

Buried — He carried my sins far away;

Rising — He justified freely forever;

One day He's coming — O glorious day!

*Postlude