

JESUS said

Simon, satan has asked for you
that he may "sift you" as wheat!

Lk 22: 31

SIFTED

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Background

Peter is estimated as about 24 yrs old, whereas all the other disciples are teenagers, and the youngest apostle John is about 10. Peter is also driven, we call it ADHD. Impulsive, action oriented, can't sit still, wants to be in the action, (walk on water) quick to respond with a sword as **JESUS** is arrested, and determined to die with and for **JESUS!** Great attributes when under control. Poor , when out of control!

Count it all
JOY
when you fall into various trials knowing that the sifting of your **FAITH** produces **PATIENCE**

Discussion

Jesus tells Peter of **HIS** discussion with the devil (much like the bk of Job), and tells Peter that **HE** has already prayed for him, that Peter would not fail. **Imagine GOD praying for you!** Then the request and observation, that when Peter returns from the testing that he will strengthen his fellow disciples (brethern) and the new community of believers, none of which Peter can yet see.

Lk 22 : 31+

The testing occurs and Peter fails the test. 3 times he denies **JESUS**. Peter leaves weeping bitterly

Lk 22 : 62

Peter after the resurrection is not first at the tomb, and when he enters he sees, what John the Apostle sees but appears dumb. His heart is still heavy. He had denied **JESUS!** His eyes are cloudy.

Lk 24: 12

The real encounter and change occurs when he meets **JESUS** face to face at the Sea of Galilee, while doing what he loves, fishing! **JESUS** prepares him breakfast by the sea, and in the encounter forgives him. three times he forgives him, for the 3 denials?

Jn 21

Forgiveness is freely given by **JESUS**, and the result is seen in the book of Acts where Peter is a " Mountain of Strength to his friends and the Community as 3000 are saved by the power of **the SPIRIT.**

Acts 2: 14

Acts 3: 1

In the Trials of life is where we meet JESUS, and what we learn we are to share on the crossroads of daily life. It's a relationship!

Acts 4: 29

Acts 10: 5

Acts 2: 16

Acts 12: 5

then let **PATIENCE** have it's perfect work that you may be **perfect and complete,** lacking nothing

James 1:2

in a nutshell

Peter, in his own words, gives us the purpose of the sifting

1Peter 5: 5

All of you, be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility for "**GOD** resists the proud, but gives **GRACE** to the humble Therefore. humble yourselves under ' the mighty hand of **GOD'** that **HE** may exalt you in due time, casting all your cares on **HIM,** for **HE** cares for you!

1Peter 2: 9

1Peter 1: 6

1Peter 3: 8

1Peter 4: 5