



TIME OUT DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Daily Words of Encouragement

FROM YOUR TNAZ PASTORAL LEADERS

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LUKE 22:31-32

³¹ "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to have you, to sift you like wheat, ³² but I have pleaded in prayer for you that your faith should not completely fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen and build up the faith of your brothers." (Living Bible)

We should take heed that Satan is focused on shutting us down as Christians. There is one thing that he's seeking to do and that is *he doesn't want the Lord to use us*. So, his supreme endeavor will be to cripple us spiritually.

He knows our past weaknesses. They are ones that we gave up after Jesus found us. The evil one may even know how to tempt us with anger, depression, or even pride. Whatever it may be that he uses, it can disappoint us to the point of feeling defeated. At that point, we are no longer a threat to him.

Look at what our Lord said to Peter, "**Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to have you, to sift you like wheat.**" If we are being used by the Lord, Satan desires the same to do the same to us.

Thank God Jesus stands in our defense. He told Peter, "**But I have pleaded in prayer for you that your faith should not completely fail.**"

And it also states that Satan's assaults on us can fail. Because the Lord also said, "**So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen and build up the faith of your brothers.**" So, when we return to our Lord from such assaults, His grace and mercy is ready to restore our faith even more than it was before. Have you recently felt beaten up by the enemy and you now feel it in your soul? Take courage for our wonderful Lord is praying for you. That's truly the good news.

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