



# GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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## Title: Choices for Grace

*“And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. 33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. 34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.” (Luke 22:31-34)*

## INTRODUCTION

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### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ **GRACE** (vv. 31-33)

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_ Sifting (v. 31)

##### SATAN IS POWERFUL

*“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:” (1 Peter 5:8)*

*“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)*

**Quote:** “God allows sifting to refine us and reveal our need for His strength.”

##### CHANGE IS PAINFUL

**Definition:** “*sifting*”—a rapid shaking to discern what is usable

**Quote:** “We will be no more stable in our emotions than we are anchored in our faith.”

**Quote:** “Our greatest ministry is always found in our deepest misery.”

*“Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.” (1 Peter 4:11-13)*

*“Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.” (1 Peter 5:9-10)*

B. \_\_\_\_\_ Our Strength (v. 33)

*“But he spake the more vehemently, If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.” (Mark 14:31)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **GRACE** (v. 32a)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Our Weakness

*“But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him. 57 And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.” (Luke 22:56-57)*

**Quote:** “When we are too prideful to admit our weakness, we are too prideful to acknowledge the true source of our strength.”

*“Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:” (1 Peter 1:5-7)*

**Quote:** “Grace is our greatest source of strength in the Christian life, but pride and dishonesty hinder the work of grace in our lives.”

*“And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. 11 I am become a fool in glorying:” (2 Corinthians 12:9-11)*

B. \_\_\_\_\_ for Help

*“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.” (1 Peter 5:5-6)*

**Quote:** “We never change from who we were to what we need to be until we turn back to God.”

**Quote:** “Humility is not denying our strengths; it is being honest about our weaknesses.”

**Quote:** “No one can overcome a weakness while denying it exists.”  
*“Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.” (1 Corinthians 10:12)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **GRACE** (vv. 32b-38)

**Quote:** “We are to be conduits of grace not just consumers of grace.”

A. \_\_\_\_\_ Our Mistakes (v. 32b)

*“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.” (1 Peter 1:22)*

*“And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (1 Peter 4:8, 10)*

**Quote:** “Grace uses our moments of weakness to lead others to God’s strength.”

**Quote:** “With grace, failures are not final, and God’s love is never finished.”

B. \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ’s Mission (vv. 36-38)

*“Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. 37 For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end. 38 And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.” (Luke 22:36-38)*

**Quote:** “Grace uses our greatest failures to enable us to fulfill our greatest mission.”

*“Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:”*  
(2 Peter 1:10)

**Quote:** “We must stop making our mess our mission and start making God’s plan our priority.”

## NOW WHAT?

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