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What is *sifting*?



Sifting in Context

- **Threshing**
- **Winnowing**
- **Sieving**

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Acts 14:21

After preaching the Good News in Derbe and making many disciples, Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch of Pisidia, where they strengthened the believers.

Acts 14:22

They encouraged them to continue in the faith, reminding them that we must suffer many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God.

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Satan's goal was, is, and always will be to crush you and wreck your faith. When he threshes, winnows, and sieves; He does it with the express purpose of destroying your faith.

**But God's goal is to use the
threshing, winnowing, and sifting
process as a way to remove your
impurities, to transform you,
to set you apart for service,
and to make you more like Christ.**

**Jesus doesn't pray that you
simply survive the sifting process,
but that you thrive through it
with Him.**

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Principle #5

The best part about Jesus personally praying for you is that even when you fail, He will be there to pick you up and to redeem you.

Principle #6

**You must be sifted before you can
be lifted and shifted.**

Principle #7

**Jesus' prayers for you are constant
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Romans 8:26

And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for.

But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

Romans 8:27

**And the Father who knows all hearts
knows what the Spirit is saying, for
the Spirit pleads for us believers in
harmony with God's own will.**

Romans 8:28

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:29

**For God knew his people in advance,
and he chose them to become
like his Son, so that his Son would be
the firstborn among many brothers
and sisters.**

Romans 8:30

And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

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