

GO BUY A SWORD

Luke 22:35-38 NKJV - Supplies for the Road

³⁵ And He said to them, “When I sent you without money bag, knapsack, and sandals, did you lack anything?” So they said, **“Nothing.”**

³⁶ Then He said to them, “But now, he who has a money bag, let him take *it*, and likewise a knapsack; and ***he who has no sword***, let him sell his garment and buy one. ³⁷ For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished (***Or fulfilled***) in Me: ‘And He was numbered with the transgressors.’ For the things concerning Me have an end.”

³⁸ So they said, “Lord, look, ***here are two swords.***” And He said to them, “It is enough.”

Difficult passages

- Trying to understand this passage
- Understand the setting
- Break it apart
- Examine each part

Jesus is about to be crucified

He is entering the final stage of His earthly ministry

- This is the last instruction that Jesus gives to all his disciples
- He has just finished telling Peter that he will deny Him three times
- His FINAL word to all of them, before his arrest in the garden
- Because Jesus knew what was coming
- We can consider this as significant and important

Jesus talks about the previous success

- He first begins by bringing up the past

Luke 10:3-4 NKJV - ³ Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. ⁴ Carry neither money bag, knapsack, nor sandals; and greet no one along the road.

- I sent you out without purse (money) or bag (provisions)
- I sent you without shoes
- I told you not to worry about those things
- Preach, heal, deliver

Luke 10:17 NKJV - The Seventy Return with Joy - ¹⁷ Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."

- They came back, "Even the devils are subject unto us"

Now he commands them to "buy a sword"

It is a different era for ministry

- Jesus knows that after his death the disciples will face despair
- Jesus knows that after Pentecost the disciples will face persecution
- It is not a physical sword that he is referring to
- The disciples ***do not*** understand
- They point to physical swords

It is a "sword of the Spirit

Ephesians 6:17 NKJV - ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

- The word of God
- The soldier mindset

What can we learn?

There are times when everything goes right

- We pray - people get healed
- The Holy Spirit falls - People get saved - Our needs are met

God provides - God protects - God blesses

There are times when we need to buy a “sword” - It seems like everything is going wrong

- We are in pain - We are in doubt - We feel abandoned and alone
- This is the time to “buy a sword”

We have to mentally prepare ourselves against the enemy

We have to develop an iron will, to stand against adversity

We have to sharpen ourselves to cut through the lies and deception of Satan

Different Ministry - Short term vs. Long term

Short trip - Don't pack much - You expect to come back quick

Long Trip - Pack a lot - Don't expect to come back for a long time

Take a Purse - Money

- The purse was where Biblical people kept their money
- You'll have to survive on what you have received

Scrip - Bag – Suitcase = Pack clothes and provisions

You are leaving the familiar and going into the unknown

Cloak – Identity

- A cloak identified an individual's occupation
- What group did they belong to? How about you? Beggars wore certain cloaks

Mark 10:50 NKJV - *And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus.*

- **Others occupations were identified by their cloaks**

Rich people or rulers wore purple

Luke 16:19 NKJV - *The Rich Man and Lazarus* - ¹⁹“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day.

Jesus tells them to sell their cloak

- They can no longer be identified *by their former life*
- They must be willing to *leave all behind for Christ*

Sell the cloak - Selling is an act of separation - Separate from your former life - Separate from what used to identify you...

- Sell first, before you can buy a sword
- Buying the sword will cost you your old life
- You will now be identified by the sword

Using a sword - Swords are for adults

- Weapons are given to those we deem old enough to handle them
- Swords are not for babies
- We need to mature in the Lord before we can take up a sword

Swords are for soldiers - Cloaks are for civilians

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- Duty – Discipline – Authority - Sacrifice

Soldiers are always on duty

- 24/7 - 365 they are a soldier
- Too many Christians want to be weekend warriors

Sell the cloak - you're now a soldier

Swords are for training

- It takes time and dedication to master a sword
- It takes training and practice to master a sword

We cannot expect to use our sword wisely unless we have spent time training with it

- Whether that is through mentoring or self-instruction
- No one becomes a sword master, without practice
- Soldiers practice and refine before the battle ever begins

CLOSE:

Swords are for battle - Battle is a recognition of an enemy

- Battle is a determination to stand against
- Unwilling to go to battle = surrender and defeat

Battle is using the training and instruction that you have received

Battle is a chance for victory

Final sword - My sword

Given to me by Pastor Rolph

- It was the last time we were able to get together
- A time of prayer and reflection
- Swords were given to every minister there

A reminder of the Word

A reminder of the battle

The next day I preached and then Pastor Rolph preached - "The best is yet to come"

It was shortly after this meeting that Pastor Rolph went to his final reward

- He purchased his sword
- He fought his battle
- He prevailed

Your sword

Will you buy a sword?

- Forsake your old life - Be a soldier - everyday

Will you step to the battle

- Will you MENTALLY PREPARE yourself against the enemy
- Will you develop an iron will, no matter what comes against you
- Will you sharpen yourself to cut through lies, deception, and doubt

PRAISE TEAM:

Will you battle the enemy?

Will you buy a sword?

Never turn back, never give ground, never surrender!!!!