GO BUY A SWORD

Luke 22:35-38 And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. 36 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.

# Intro

## 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 Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. 4 Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way.

#### 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 And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy 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 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 Ghost falls

### People get baptized

### 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 steel 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?

##### Beggars wore certain cloaks

Mark 10:50 And he, casting away his garment, rose, and came to Jesus.

##### Others occupations were identified by their cloaks

###### Rich people or rulers wore purple

Luke 16:19 There was a certain rich man, which 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

### Swords are for soldiers

#### 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

##### Deer rifles vs. swords

## 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 Cox

#### 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 Cox preached

#### “The best is yet to come”

### It was shortly after this meeting that Pastor Cox 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 steel 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

#### Will you battle the enemy?

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

#### Will you buy a sword?