Day 42

"Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." Luke 22:31-32 (ESV)

A fighter pilot never goes alone on a mission into enemy territory – he is always accompanied by a “wingman”. He is confident that the wingman will provide protection from unseen attacks, as long as they fly in close formation. In this Scripture Jesus warned Peter that he was headed into very dangerous territory indeed and would be attacked by Satan himself. But Jesus gave Peter marvelous encouragement, because He was protecting him. Jesus Himself was Peter’s wingman! Peter would learn two absolutely crucial lessons: he could not trust himself, but if he stayed close to Jesus he could absolutely trust HIm. Where have you failed, and desperately need help from Jesus? Ask and keep on asking, and it shall be given. Then, when you are healed, strengthen your brothers.