

Luke 10:17-24

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

²¹In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²²All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows who the Son is except the Father, or who the Father is except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

²³Then turning to the disciples he said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see! ²⁴For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

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Life: which way is up?

Turnaround 1: Victory (v17-20)

- Rejoice! Jesus brings Satan down...
- ...and raises followers up
- Jesus uses his followers (be careful!)

Turnaround 2: Knowledge (v21-24)

- Be ‘a child’, not a ‘wise one’
- Jesus helps ‘children’ not ‘the wise’

→ Be humble

→ Don't worry

Discussion Questions: What do you make of the level of humility this passage calls for? In our knowledge, in our salvation, and in our ministry?