

1 Peter 5:5-11

Experiencing Victory in a Hostile World

“...a primer for winning the war that really matters”

Fundamental Outcomes from Navigating Suffering Biblically

“5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. 8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. 10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. 11 To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1 Pet. 5:5-11 NASB)

Today’s Objective Reminder: Humble dependence on God’s Sovereign will is that which carries us through the sufferings of this life to the finish line of faith.

“Back to the Basics” of Navigating Through Suffering (1 Pet. 5:5-11)

1. “be _____ to your elders;” (5:5a) -- _____

After Peter exhorts the leaders in verses 1-4, he now turns in verse 5 from the shepherds to the sheep.

“Likewise” throughout Peter’s epistle represents a _____ to a new group. (See 1 Pet. 2: 13, 18; 3:1, 7)

“Submit” (hupotasso), means to _____. Military term meaning line under their _____

Why do you believe Peter singles out “younger men?” (1 Tim. 3:6) Who do they represent?

- It’s a call for _____
- It’s a call for _____
- It’s a call to give deference to those in _____ leadership. The people of God must learn to submit themselves to these leaders. (1 Cor. 16:15; Eph. 5:21; 1 Thess. 5:12; Tit. 3:2; Heb. 13:7)

Would agree/disagree? American Christians tend not to understand the concept of submitting to spiritual authority.

2. “**clothe yourselves with _____** (5:5b-6)

Inseparably linked to and underlying a submissive attitude is a mind given to _____ (Ps. 25:9; Matt. 5:3-5; Eph. 4:1-2; Jam. 4:10).

Because, always the truly humble, and only the humble ---- _____.

“Clothe” literally means to tie something on oneself such as a _____ worn by servants. Here it describes figuratively covering oneself with an attitude of _____ as one submits to authorities over him.

Humility -- _____ (2 Cor. 3:5; 1 Cor. 4:1-5; 2 Cor. 4:7; Phil. 2:5-7)

Do you think Peter wrote this verse recalling Jesus’ washing of his feet? (John 13:3-17)

Peter goes from humility as it relates to one another _____ to humility before God _____

To reinforce his exhortation for humility, Peter quoted from Proverbs 3:34. How does this motivate us?

(Side Note: Peter and James both quote Proverbs 3:34 ==> Interesting how two inspired authors apply the same passage to two different circumstances.)

As it relates to humility within Peter's context – It's a **humility** that is characterized by 4 things ==>

1. It is a **Humility** that bows to _____ (6) “*Humble yourselves, therefore, under the _____ . . .*”

a. Phrase "mighty hand of God" or "God's mighty hand" is an O.T. reference to 2 things: 1) God's _____; 2) God's _____ (Isa 48:13; Ezek. 20:33-34; Ex. 3:19-20; 13:3-16; Job 30:20-21; 1 Pet. 4:17)

2. It is a **Humility** that always looks to _____ and _____ (6) “*so that He may exalt you at the proper time...*” (1 Pet. 1:7,13; 4:7; Prov. 29:23; Matt. 23:12; Jam. 4:10)

3. “**casting all your care upon Him, because He _____**” (5:7)

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As believers endure humbly and submissively, they find their strength in the midst of suffering and trials, by means of a confident _____ in God's _____.

Is anxiety a form of pride?

Read Ps. 55: Do you think Peter had this Psalm in mind?

Peter exhorts believers to “cast” on the Lord “all” their “cares”. “Cares” can include what other descriptors?

3. It is a **Humility** that always _____ worldly anxiety.

4. It is a **Humility** that _____ in God’s care. (Ps. 56:3; Matt.6:25-34; Phil. 4:6)

4. Be aware of “ _____ ” (5:8-9) -- _____

“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

Peter’s first epistle has been dominated by the topic of suffering. In these final verses, for the first time he mentions Satan. Before trying to understand Peter’s words here, let us briefly review from Scripture, Satan’s relationship to suffering.

Satan’s view of suffering is dictated by his view of _____. His addiction to success led to his own downfall because of his _____ and grasping for the preeminence and glory which belong only to God. (Isa. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:11-15; 1 Tim. 3:6)

- Satan _____ men on the basis of their success. (1 Chron. 21:1; 1 Tim. 3:6)
- But for those who suffer, Satan tries to convince them _____ and cannot _____. (Job 1:9-11) Satan sees suffering as the opportunity to turn us from God.
- Peter indicates that the themes of suffering and glory both converged in the person of Messiah. But the Old Testament prophets could not understand how this could be since suffering and glory seemed incompatible (1 Pet. 1:10-12).
- Satan’s view of suffering and glory is evident in the temptation of our Lord. (Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-4)
 - First Temptation: (Matt. 4:1-4) Satan’s objective -- Jesus should use His _____ to end His _____ and reveal His _____ by commanding that stones become bread.
 - Same test to Israel: Deut. 8:1-3; John 6:25-34; 52-69

- Second Temptation: (Matt. 4:5-8) Satan's objective – Let Him put Himself in a situation where _____, and then God must _____ Him.
 - Same test to Israel: Matt. 3:1-12
- Third Temptation: (Matt. 4:8-11) Satan's objective – Offer Him the _____ of earthly kingdoms for the glory Satan would gain by obtaining the _____ of Messiah.
 - Same test to Israel: Ex. 32:6; John 11:47-50
- Such temptations did not end at Christ. Satan seeks an "_____" to attack, not only through unbelievers, but even the saints (Luke 4:13; Matt. 16:21-23)
- Now we can understand Peter's reason for establishing the link between suffering and Satan. (Luke 22:31-32)
 - Peter knows only too well...He failed...He was not "sober" and "alert"!