

FEARLESS:

LAST WEEK'S  
MESSAGE



# WIN OVER FEAR

Have you experienced the gripping power of fear? As we wrap up our series, we will look at how God reveals to us in 1 Peter chapter 5 how we can win over anxiety and fear.

## **be humble (1 PETER 5:1-7)**

**As a leader:** Peter opens the chapter by appealing to church leaders as a fellow elder and witness to Christ's sufferings. He tells them how they should lead as shepherds of God's flock. A shepherd cares, feeds, nurtures, and protects. In the same way, leaders of the church must take care of the flock that was entrusted to them according to the will of God, with contentment, joyful service, eagerness, and humility. We are to reflect Jesus — our Chief Shepherd.

**As a follower:** Peter then tells younger people to subject themselves under the leadership of the Church body, which is also an act of humility. God has given us each other to help us, to protect us, and to journey with one another.

**Towards one another:** Then, he goes on to say to the rest of the body of Christ to "clothe yourself with humility". Humility is not natural to us, and we must intentionally put it on towards one another.

**Towards God:** God is opposed to the proud. Pride robs us of the sweetest experience of God's care for us. When we humbly surrender and cast our worries and fears upon God, we can trust Him to give us what is best because He cares for us.

## **resist the devil (1 PETER 5:8-9)**

We are commanded to be alert and be of sober spirit. Peter echoes Jesus' warning to him in Gethsemane to "keep watching and praying so you do not come into temptation" (Matthew 26:41). When we are not sober and alert, we are opening ourselves for Satan to attack us. He is powerful. However, God is more powerful than Satan and demons (1 John 4:2,4). Satan attacks our minds with lies. To overcome, we need to be firm in our

### **this week's memory verse**

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!

MATTHEW 7:11



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faith and counter his lies with the truth of God's Word and His Character. We need to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5) and always be prepared for battle.

### **trust God (1 PETER 5:10-11)**

It seems that the difficulty that we are going through may last long but the reality is we are just caught up with what is happening in the here and now. Peter reminds us it is just for a little while (v.10). The God of all grace has called us to His eternal glory. He is the One who will perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish us. He is doing a mighty work in us. How we live our life will impact our eternity and we have an eternal inheritance to look forward to.

Peter did not end the book by saying "to God be the glory". He reminds us that this God whom we are humbling ourselves under has the power to do everything that He said He would do because "to Him belongs all the power forever" (v.11). We can cast our anxiety on Him because He cares for us. He will change our doubting hearts to trusting hearts. He will be the one to carry us through and make us victorious against the enemy. He enables us to win over fear.

### **discussion questions**

How proud are you on a scale of 1-10?  
Why did you rate yourself that way?

What lies of Satan have you been hearing in your mind and how can you resist him and stand firm in your faith?

What step or steps do you need to take to humble yourself before the mighty hand of God?

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