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1 Peter – “A Living Hope”

Session 18

1 Peter 5:5-9 (NKJV)

“A call to humility”

Things in God's kingdom work just the opposite of the way the world thinks. The world says “look out for number one;” but God says “esteem others better than yourself.” Peter shows us this same principle in this week's passage, as he continues the theme of humility. Just as elders or leaders in the church should submit themselves to the care of others in all humility; so also those younger in the Lord should submit to the elders. In this call to humility, Peter reveals both a precious promise, as well as an urgent warning. Are you humbling yourself under the mighty hand of God; submitting yourself to others as God directs? Are you aware of the battle you face against the devil, who tries to trick you into a prideful spirit rather than a humble one? While studying this passage, ask the Holy Spirit to show you any areas of pride in your life that needs to be dealt with by God.

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:5

What does Peter call the “*younger people*” to do in the face of the leadership of the elders of the church? How does the word “*likewise*” connect the elders from the previous passage with the younger people of this one? What reason does Peter give for doing so?

Scripture: Ephesians 5:21

What should motivate us to “*submit to one another,*” according to Paul?

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:6

What promise do we have here when we fear the Lord, and humble ourselves under His mighty hand?

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:7

What makes it easier to cast our cares on the Lord and esteem others more important than ourselves?

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:8

Humbling ourselves to submit to one another can be a battle. What is one of the reasons according to this verse? What does Peter tell us to do in the face of such an enemy?

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:9

What can help us to resist the devil and humbly submit ourselves one to another?

Personal Application:

Andrew Murray defines humility as *“that place of total dependence on God.”* Consider how much you do or don’t place total dependence on God in the battle against pride. What does this passage promise God will give you to help humble yourself with others? Take time to consider those areas of your life where pride gets the better of you. Where do you see your adversary the devil in those moments, stirring up the flesh to respond or act pridefully? What has this lesson taught you about how to handle those moments better in the future?

Hiding God’s Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):

“Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

1 Peter 5:5