



**Series:** Refined

**Sermon:** Part 7: Humble and Dependent

**Date:** Sunday, March 30th, 2025

*And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time He will lift you up in honor. (1 Peter 5:5-6 NLT)*

Our humility is demonstrated by our \_\_\_\_\_ to God which allows us to now serve Him and others.

We are called to seek Christ for \_\_\_\_\_ He is, not for what we can get from Him.

*Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you. (1 Peter 5:7 NLT)*

*Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7 NIV)*

It is in \_\_\_\_\_ that we are able to cast our worries onto Him.

*Scripture referenced in sermon message: Matthew 6:25-32*

*“Prayer tells God what the care is, and asks God to help, while faith believes that God can and will do it. Prayer spreads the letter of trouble and grief before the Lord, and opens all its budget, and then faith cries, ‘I believe that God cares, and cares for me; I believe that He will bring me out of my distress, and make it promote His own glory.’” (Pastor Charles Spurgeon)*

*Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are. (1 Peter 5:8-9 NLT)*

### **Peter Tells Us That We Are To:**

#### **1. Stand \_\_\_\_\_ and strong in our faith as we resist the devil**

*...put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground... (Ephesians 6:13)*

#### **2. Remain in \_\_\_\_\_ with God’s people**

Not being in consistent spiritual community is detrimental to our faith.

*In His kindness God called you to share in His eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, He will restore, support, and strengthen you, and He will place you on a firm foundation. All power to Him forever! Amen. (1 Peter 5:10-11 NLT)*



*“In this world you will have trouble.” (John 16:33)*

*Scripture referenced in sermon message: 1 Peter 1:3-5 NLT*

As believers, because we know our inheritance- that all this pain is going to end, it gives us perspective for the suffering we are facing now.

*I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God’s grace for you. Stand firm in this grace. Your sister church here in Babylon sends you greetings, and so does my son Mark. Greet each other with a kiss of love. Peace be with all of you who are in Christ. (1 Peter 5:12-14 NLT)*

Peter was writing to encourage them and to assure them that what they are experiencing is all a part of God’s grace for them.

Everything comes back to our \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ and how we live and respond needs to flow from that identity.

**Bottom Line:** *Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. (1 Peter 5:7 NIV)*

**Questions to reflect on this week or with others:**

- 1. Am I able to humbly put away my own agenda for God’s agenda and plan in my life? Or am I prideful and set on going my own way and path no matter the cost?*
- 2. Am I able to trust and accept God’s will even if He allows hardships? Or do I refuse to trust that God knows best and His will is best even if it results in my suffering?*
- 3. What is one tangible step you can take this week to “dress or clothe yourself” in humility?*
- 4. What makes it difficult for you to give your worries or cast your cares onto God?*
- 5. What next step do you need to take to remain in consistent spiritual community?*

*Songs used in service: Too Good To Not Believe (Cody Carnes & Brandon Lake), Lord, I Need You (Matt Maher), Believe For It (CeCe Winans), Trust In God (Elevation Worship), Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Thomas Chisholm)*

**Any prayer requests?**

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**What can we be praying for you about?**