



SUMMER AT COMMUNITY OF FAITH

**WEEK 2**

1 Peter 5:5–11

*5 All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” 6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.*

*7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

*8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.*

*10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

*11 To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 5:5-11*

**Four Commitments That Lead to a Different Kind of Strength**

*All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” 1 Peter 5:5*

**1. Voluntary Submission Through Humility**

*Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them.*

**Luke 22:24 (NLT)**

*But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. Luke 22:26 (NTV)*

*6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on Him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7*

**2. Complete dependence on God expressed through surrender**

*8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 1 Peter 5:8-9*

**3. Spiritual alertness that produces resistance.**

*Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7*

*And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 1 Peter 5:10*

**4. Perseverance Sustained by Grace.**

*To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 5:11*