

## **STAND (10 of 11)**

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### ***Wise Counsel***

**Scripture:** 1 Peter 5:1-7 (NLT)

1. Start **Serving**. (1 Peter 5:1-2)
2. Stay **Humble**. (1 Peter 5:6)
3. Stop **Worrying**. (1 Peter 5:7)

*“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.”* Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

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**NOTES:**

## HOMEGROUP & PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

**Teaching Text:** 1 Peter 5:1-7

1. Pastor Bill gave us three points of “wise counsel” from our Scripture teaching; he started with “start serving” as a way to make an impact in the kingdom of God. Why do you think serving or acts of service are so important and impacting in the advancement of God’s Kingdom? How are you serving God and others?
2. When you serve, is your motivation from obligation and meeting expectations or is your service a response to God’s love for you and your love for others? Can you provide an example or illustration for this?
3. Our second teaching point is from Peter’s instruction to “dress ourselves in humility” (1 Peter 5:5). How do you define humility? How do you exhibit humility personally in your everyday life?
4. Our final teaching point is to “stop worrying.” Peter writes; “Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you” (1 Peter 5:7 NLT). Compare Peter’s words with the words of Jesus from Matthew 6:30-34. What similarities do you find? Are there differences between the instructions?
5. Pastor Bill also references Philippians 4:6, which reads as follows: “Don’t worry about anything...” How does this make you feel? Is it realistic in comparison to Peter’s and Jesus’ instructions about worry? What do you think is the root cause of worry?
6. If you are hearing God’s word to you today, where do you think he is drawing your attention to focus; is it serving, humility, worrying, or a combination? What do you think will be your response?