



Sunday Morning, August 31, 2025 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: Overcoming Pride

Message Text: 1 Peter 5:5-7

Introduction:

Pride steals our spiritual strength immediately. It clogs the flow of God's grace into our lives and hinders us from reaching our full potential. Peter challenged Christian pastors to fully embrace their calling and leadership. He urged the church members to humbly follow the spiritual leadership of their pastor and have a humble respect toward one another. None of this was possible if they allowed pride in their lives. Pride destroys us, our relationships and our ability to accomplish our God-given purpose. May we overcome pride with humility.

1. Humility within the _____ (5)

A. Demonstrated by our _____ (5a)

1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another...

YOUNGER — young men and women, "...whether in years or in the faith, should be submissive to the elders." [BBC]

DEFINITION—SUBMIT: to arrange under; to be or become inclined or willing to submit to orders or wishes of others or showing such inclination.

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NOTE — It indicates a spirit of cooperation as opposed to dissatisfaction with the leadership. It describes a willingness to support the pastors' directions. —Anders

DEFINITION—ELDER: pastor; an elder over an assembly of Christian believers (as an appointed or elected position).

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Hebrews 13:7–8 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. 8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

B. Driven by our _____ (5b)

1 Peter 5:5 ...and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

DEFINITION—BE CLOTHED: to become, to tie on; to enter or assume a certain state or condition; conceived of as tying on a garment.

NOTE — “To clothe” refers to a slave or servant putting on an apron or towel to serve someone else.

DEFINITION—HUMILITY: the disposition of valuing or assessing oneself appropriately; especially in light of one's sinfulness or creatureliness.

QUOTE: Humility is to make a right estimate of one's self. —Charles Spurgeon

QUOTE: Humility is not thinking less of self, but thinking of self less. —unknown

John 13:4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

DEFINITION—RESISTETH: to oppose; to be against; express opposition to. “The word “resisteth” in the Greek is a military term, used of an army drawn up for battle.” —Wuest

NOTE — The word “proud” is the translation of a Greek word which means literally “to show above,” and thus describes the proud person as one who shows himself above others. —Wuest

DEFINITION—GRACE: outworking; the resulting activity that is a necessary consequence of genuine, beneficent goodwill; especially used of the outworking of God's goodwill.

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

2. Humility before _____ (6)

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; And what doth the Lord require of thee, But to do justly, and to love mercy, And to walk humbly with thy God?

A. Acknowledging God's _____ (6a)

1 Peter 5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God...

DEFINITION—HUMBLE: to be brought low— to be or become reduced in rank, character, or status.

DEFINITION—MIGHTY: having or showing great strength, force, or intensity; resistless

QUOTE: He must take a low place before God, who would take a high place before men. —Unknown

Romans 9:20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?

B. Accepting God's _____ (6b)

1 Peter 5:6 ...that he may exalt you in due time:

Proverbs 20:6 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: But a faithful man who can find?

DEFINITION—EXALT: to raise up; to exalt someone, conceived of as lifting the person up.

DUE TIME — course of time; God's timing

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

3. Humility in the Midst of _____ (7)

NOTE — Pride will always seek to handle problems _____.

A. Releases _____ to God (7a)

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

DEFINITION—CASTING: to put on; to hurl; to place or put something on something else with great energy; conceived of as throwing on forcefully.

DEFINITION—CARE: worry; anxiety

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

B. Recognizes the _____ of God (7b)

1 Peter 5:7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

DEFINITION—CARETH: to concern; to be relevant or important to.

Matthew 6:26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

See Exodus 13:17–18; 14:10–14

QUOTE: Worry is sin because it denies the wisdom of God; it says that He doesn't know what He's doing. It denies the love of God; it says He does not care. And it denies the power of God; it says that He isn't able to deliver me from whatever is causing me to worry. —BBC

Conclusion



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