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MESSAGE NOTES

Sunday, November 8

Introduction

1 Peter 5:7-14

Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. ⁸Be of sober *spirit*, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. ¹⁰After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. "To Him be dominion forever and ever. Amen. ¹²Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it! ¹³She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and so does my son, Mark. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to you all who are in Christ.

So What?!

How do I battle with worry?

#1. RECOGNIZE GOD CARES FOR YOU. Vs. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

#2. RESIST YOUR ADVERSARY. VS. 8-9

...standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

#3. RESTORE THOUGHTS OF YOUR REWARD. VS. 10-11 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.

#4. RUN TO THE GRACE OF GOD. VS. 12-14...this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. 14Greet one another with a kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: When you were in Jr. High/ High School did you have any anxiety or worry about fitting in or not being embarrassed?

Read: I Peter 5:7-14

How do I battle with worry? What one area of your life causes you the most worry?

#1. RECOGNIZE GOD CARES FOR YOU. Vs. 7, Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. How do you know God cares for you? How does that differ from how people care for each other? How did your parents care for you when you were sick: hover, ignore, isolate? How do/did you care for your child when they're sick?

#2. RESIST YOUR ADVERSARY. VS. 8-9...standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. What do you most stand firm for: truthfulness, just treatment, kindness and politeness, or honesty? If you had to pick one of those areas for growth which would it be? Which area does Satan most often tempt you to fail?

#3. RESTORE THOUGHTS OF YOUR REWARD. VS. 10-11, 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. "Faith is remembering the long-term value when you're paying the short-term cost." Do you agree or disagree with that statement? How long do you think Peter felt was, "a little while?" Name something you'd consider suffering versus just an inconvenience.

#4. RUN OFTEN TO THE GRACE OF GOD. VS. 12-14...this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. What area of your life does your family give you the most grace? In what area of your life does God give you the most grace to handle difficulty?

Family Time: Read I Peter 5:9 and talk to your kids about standing firm in the family of believers. The concept of loving loyalty. Have each child go outside, close the door, have them ring the doorbell and then enthusiastically over the top welcome them home!!! That's loving loyalty!