

Pastor Keith Krell | December 12, 2021
1 Peter 5:5b-14 | “The End Is in Sight!”

Sermon Application Review from 1 Peter 5:1–5a

How did you encourage a CBC elder this past week (5:1–4)?

How did you model submission to your elders (5:5a)?

Scripture References

1 Peter 5:5b–14

James 4:6–7, 10

Philippians 2:5–11

Matthew 6:25–34

Ephesians 6:10–17

Luke 22:31–34

Romans 16:17–27

Study Questions

1. What does it mean to be humble (1 Peter 5:5b–6)? In what areas of your life can you show humility to other believers? When are you most tempted to be proud? In what ways have you been humbled by the circumstances and trials in your life? How have you deliberately humbled yourself before God? How has God elevated you as a result?
2. What are your biggest cares and anxieties at this moment (1 Peter 5:7)? What is your typical response when an anxious situation arises? In what area has God given you consistent victory over worry? How do you go about “casting your anxieties” on the Lord? What areas of your life have you not cast on Him? What specific steps do you need to take to cast these cares? How has God proven that He cares for you?
3. In what specific way has Satan recently attempted to devour you (1 Peter 5:8)? How did you respond to his attack? What did you do particularly well? Where could you improve in how you “resist” the devil (5:9a)? Read Ephesians 6:10–17. Do you have an accountability partner? If not, will you find a suitable partner this week to pray with you against the attacks of the enemy?
4. Have you ever been persecuted for the cause of Christ (1 Peter 5:9b–10a)? How did you respond? How should you respond to Christian persecution? Read Matthew 5:10–12, 44–48; John 15:18–27; Romans 12:14–21. How does the knowledge of what your brothers and sisters are enduring sustain and motivate you? For more information, go to www.persecution.com; www.persecution.org; and www.opendoorsusa.org.
5. Do you understand the stability and security that Christ offers you (1 Peter 5:10b–11)? Why or why not? How do God’s four assurances comfort and encourage you? When did you finally come to understand God’s unconditional love? What difference has this reality made in your life? How can you share this hope with others? How does Christ’s great love and power motivate you to finish well by enduring persecution?

Recommended Reading

Jerry Bridges, *The Blessing of Humility* (NavPress, 2016)

C. J. Mahaney, *Humility* (Multnomah, 2005)

Gregory L. Jantz, *Overcoming Anxiety, Worry, and Fear* (Revell, 2016)

Clinton E. Arnold, *Three Crucial Questions About Spiritual Warfare* (Baker, 1997)

David Jeremiah, *The Spiritual Warfare Answer Book* (Thomas Nelson, 2016)