

Strange World Good God-10
“Be Humble Or You’ll Stumble”
1 Peter 5:5-7 (NIV)

Hey Newsong!

I want to take a second to welcome our first time guests and those who are worshiping with us online!

We’re in a series called “Strange World Good God” and we’re going through the book of 1 Peter...

Peter wrote this letter about 30 or so years after Jesus’ resurrection, and it was addressed to the churches that were experiencing persecution for their faith in Jesus...

Peter is encouraging them not to give in to the pressure to conform to the world, but to keep walking with Jesus...Don’t give up...keep the faith...

Last week Peter addressed the Pastors...
They need to step up and lead during a crisis
They need to lead and feed the flock...
They need to do it with love and compassion...
They need to lead by example, as they love and
serve Jesus, The Who has called them to
lead...

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lead...

Now Peter is addressing all of us to do the
same...

***5 "God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble." [a]***

***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 5:5-7 (NIV)***

The title of Today's message is actually taken from a quote by D.L. Moody "Be Humble or You'llb

Turn off my phone that's what I told him. He goes
Stumble"

Pray

On May 31st 1911 an employee of the White Star Line Company said of the new luxury liner they were building...

"Not even God himself could sink this ship"

The name of that ship was The Titanic...And on its maiden voyage from England to America it

collided with an iceberg and sank...over 1,500 people died.

18 Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.-Proverbs 16:18 (NIV)

Peter just got done addressing the pastors, and now he's warning us of the dangers of pride...

Pride is the oldest sin in the universe...

It's what filled Lucifer's heart when he wanted to be like God, and God kicked him out of heaven

It's what filled the heart of Adam & Eve and got them kicked out of the garden of Eden...

Peter's saying that if we're going to follow Jesus through this strange world...a world that is full of pride...we have to know and understand that pride is our enemy...

Now why would Peter warn us about the dangers of pride? Because he knows that if the pastors are being good undershepherds and leading their flock through crises, persecution, and suffering...if they're being good leaders...

Then the church needs to be good followers... And people who are suffering, don't always have great attitudes do they? It's in the midst of crisis that pride can rear its ugly head

Stay **SUBMISSIVE**

5 In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders.

There's that word again...It just keeps coming up doesn't it?

The word submit is the Greek word ***hoop-ot-as'-so*** and it means to voluntarily cooperate with each other...

Peter instructed us to voluntarily cooperate with our governing authorities...our employers...our spouse...we should submit to them for the Lord's sake, unless they're asking us to do something that is against the word of God...

Submission is part of the Christian life...We can't even be saved without it...

To be saved, we have to admit that we've sinned against God...repent, turn away from that sin and walk in God's direction...

What are we doing? We're letting go of our will and submitting to God's will. You can't follow Jesus unless you submit to Jesus...Jesus is both Savior & Lord...

He's Savior...He died for you...

He's Lord...Now you live for Him...

Peter's saying that to get through this world, we need to submit to our spiritual leaders...

Notice that he mentions young people...Why is that? All of our young adults just got caught up in their feelings a little bit...

I'm not really sure, but I do know that when I was a young, I thought that I had life figured out...and I didn't need anyone's guidance...I didn't need anyone to tell me what to do, or to tell me that I was wrong...

I rebelled against teachers, employers and of course my parents...what do they know? Peter's saying young people find some older people and learn from them...

Listen to their opinions...

Legend: Climbing/Falling

Now how many times have I done something like that in my life? Countless...How about you? So the point is whether you're a young person

or you're young in the Lord...we need to learn from older wiser people...they've been through it...they've got the battle scars...they can help you!

We need to submit to our spiritual leaders...Now I'm not just saying this because I'm your pastor...This is a clear reading of our text this morning...

By the way, it's not just Peter who says this...This is also something that the Apostle Paul talked about...

12 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. -1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

We don't use that word admonish...but that means to warn, reprimand, rebuke or correct

Paul's saying hey respect those who correct you...submit to them...now that takes humility...

Stay HUMBLE

All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.”[a]

We cannot submit without humility...

Humility is the character trait that allows people to speak into my life...even when it's hard to hear...

The word humility means to get low or low-lying. It means to think about others before you think about yourself...

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own

interests but each of you to the interests of the others.-Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

Humility isn't thinking less about yourself, it's not thinking about yourself at all...

Here's the interesting thing...Peter is using this word humility, but to the Romans humility wasn't a strength it was a weakness...they hated the idea of humility...

The only people who were humble were those who were conquered and made into slaves...

Guess what? The world hasn't changed much has it? Humility is still considered to be a weakness...

But it doesn't take a weak person to be humble...it takes a strong person to be humble...

Jesus was strong...yet humble...

Peter would have remembered the night that Jesus got up from the table...wrapped a servant's towel around his waist and began to wash the disciples feet...

That's why Peter says "clothe yourselves in humility"...Peter says you've got to put humility on like a shirt...

Why?

Because humility isn't something that we wear naturally. My flesh doesn't want to humble itself...It wants to be proud...

We naturally wear pride as a shirt...

Pride is demonic...humility is godly

Pride invites a culture of hell...

Humility invites a culture of heaven...

Pride is natural...humility is supernatural

Pride is how we make war with God...

Humility is how we worship God

It's the proud person that says "who are you to tell me what to do?"

A proud person when being challenged or corrected will begin to look at the faults of others instead of looking at their own...

A proud person will say "well what about you?"

Peter's saying don't be like that...

Don't clothe yourself with pride...God opposes the proud...that's being like satan...

Clothe yourself with humility...God gives grace...He gives favor to the humble...that's being like Jesus

Now here's the thing about humility...as soon as we think we're humble...it proves that we're not...

Okay..I think I've got this humility thing down...I'm pretty humble...no you're prideful

D.L. Moody used to pray, *“Lord, make me humble, but don’t let me know it.”*

In other words, don’t say you’re humble...let others say that about you...Let your spouse say that about you...let your boss say that about you...let your parents, your teachers say that about you...

Remember God is in **CONTROL**

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.

Peter’s saying...all of you submit to one another with an attitude of humility because God gives grace and favor to the humble but is at war against the proud so humble yourself...

Under God’s mighty hand...We see that phrase a lot in the Bible. It's used in reference to God’s power when His people are in trouble...

If we're full of pride then we will fight against God's powerful hand...but when we're humble we're placing ourselves under God's powerful hand...He's our loving Father, we're His children...

God's hand blesses us...

God's hand protects us...

God's hand provides for us...

God's hand disciplines us...

God's hand molds us and shapes us...

No matter what we're going through...We can be assured that it will work out for His glory and our good...because He is in complete control.

When we're low...He will lift us up...

The hands that hold the world up...hold you up...

It's in that place...under the mighty hand of God...knowing that He is in complete control That we can cast our anxiety upon Him... To cast means to throw something onto someone else...

When you're under God's mighty hand you can cast your cares on the Lord...He's big enough and strong enough to carry them...

Jesus said...

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."-Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

He can take care of all our anxieties
Anxiety in the Greek means to be pulled into different directions...Isn't that how you feel when you feel anxious?

The devil will pull you one way...the world will pull you another way...The Holy Spirit and the Word of God will always pull you the Jesus way...

*God's **hand** that holds the ocean's depths
Can hold my small affairs;
His **hand** that guides the universe,
Can carry all my cares-unknown*

And Peter says that we can cast those cares upon God because He cares for us!

Carrying the groceries into the house

When stress, worry, anxiety comes your way you have two choices...you can carry them or you can cast them and let God carry them...

If I carry them...I'm going to be distracted
If I let God carry them for me...

I'm still dealing with the problem...
I'm still going through the trial...
But I'm not overwhelmed by it...
I'm not pulled in every direction...

And remember this...
God cares for you...

Walking with Ezekiel

As His Papa I was delighted to pick him up and walk him to the car...

Do you think that when you say pick me up Papa to your heavenly Father, He goes ugh again? No He loves it!

He will pick you up and walk with you through this storm, this problem, this issue...You're under His mighty hand!

What's the Holy Spirit saying to you?