

1 Peter 5:1-11 The Missing Ingredient

1. Addressing Christlike Leaders 1-4

A. Peter's Roles and Identity

-Following a longer discussion of suffering

-fellow elder- not really higher but

-witness of the sufferings of Christ- let's keep this in focus. This instruction is centered on Christ

-Partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." -1 Peter 1:3-5 ESV

B. Command to Leaders

V. 1 Starting with the top. We lead differently because of who leads us.

"And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." -Mark 10:35-45 ESV

C. Shepherd the Flock

-*Willingly* as God would have you not just the bylaws or organization

-*Shameful Gain* "In fondness for dishonest gain" "Greedily" Only time used in Greek New Testament

-*Not Domineering* (same Greek word as used in the passage from Mark 10 to describe how the Gentiles Lord their authority.

-*There is a reward*

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep." -John 10:10-11, 14-15 ESV

2. Command to the Young 5

A. Be Subject to the Elders

"Why I Am not a Pacifist"- CS Lewis

"It may spring from the belief that human history is a simple, unilinear movement from worse to better- what is called a belief in Progress-so that any given generation is always in all respects wiser than all previous generations. To those who believe thus, our ancestors are superseded and there seems nothing improbable in the claim that the whole world was wrong until the day before yesterday and now has suddenly come right." CS Lewis "The Weight of Glory"

B. Clothe Yourselves with Humility (All of You)

Giving Definition to Humility:

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. -Matthew 11:29 ESV

"Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." -Philippians 2:5-8 ESV

He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; -Luke 1:52 ESV

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. -Romans 12:16 ESV

But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us by the coming of Titus, 2 Corinthians 7:6 ESV

Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. -James 1:9-10 ESV

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. -James 4:6-10 ESV.

C. The Bottom Line

"God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble"

3. Humble Yourselves! 6-11

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"For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life? And why are you worried about clothing? Observe how the lilies of the field grow; they do not toil nor do they spin, yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory clothed himself like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? **You of little faith! Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?'** For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." -Matthew 6:25-34 NASB

When my anxious thoughts multiply within me, Your consolations delight my soul.
Psalm 94:19 NASB

You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone; for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs. Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account. But I have received everything in full and have an abundance; I am amply supplied, having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:15-19 NASB

For I confess my iniquity; I am full of anxiety because of my sin.
Psalm 38:18 NASB

Relationships make the difference

Anxiety in a man's heart weighs it down, But a good word makes it glad.
Proverbs 12:25 NASB

Prayer

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.-Philippians 4:6 NASB

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"God's sovereignty is the attribute by which He rules His entire creation, and to be sovereign God must be all-knowing, all powerful, and absolutely free." AW Tozer

Reflection:

1. *When you hear "radical humility" how would you describe or define it? When have you seen it?*
2. *What are barriers in your life to humbling yourself before the Lord?*

Follow up in the Word through the Week...

Monday: 1 Peter 1:3-5. When defining your salvation how does this passage fill in more of the blanks? Do you see your salvation being completed when Jesus appears?

Tuesday: Mark 10:35-45. What lessons of humility are learned through what Jesus teaches His disciples here? What specifically is His purpose in these verses?

Wednesday: Philippians 2:5-8. To what point does Jesus humble Himself? How do you have this attitude in your life?

Thursday: Romans 12:16. What effect will humility have on your relationships? How has this had an effect on your relationships lately?

Friday: James 4:6-10. What instruction does James give in this passage? How is humility helpful in what we face?

Saturday: Psalm 94:19. What anxious thoughts are you working through today? What consolations from the Lord have been yours?