

1 Peter 5:1-11

Why Don't You Just Give Up?

READ 1 Peter 5:1-11, Phi. 2:1–12 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Andrew Edmonds [sermon](#).

Life is full of toil and struggle and one can easily become despondent and without hope. Jesus forewarned believers that in this world they will have trouble, but they can take heart because He has overcome the trouble of this world (John 16:33). The temporary challenges and earthly afflictions people have on this side of eternity can be faced with a firm faith and a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. Believers have an example of humility to follow, and through embracing the 'hand of God' in our lives we can share in the glory that is to come. The Apostle Peter exhibits and urges elders and believers to be mature so that they can endure under trials and persecution they were given. Through our passage this week we learn that by giving up and surrendering Jesus is lifted up and exalted.

Main lesson: Believers of Jesus are to put on a humble attitude in all matters and relationships. Through *giving up* our control, pride and comfort Jesus is *lifted up* and exalted in our service and suffering.

Questions:

1. Why is humility an essential characteristic in godly leadership? How is Peter an example of humility in his exhortation (1 Peter 5:1)?
2. Why is the motivation of leaders important (1 Peter 5:2-3)?
3. Why is humility in leadership the example for all of us (1 Peter 5:3 & Philippians 2:3-4)?

4. Who benefits when we put on humility? What are the consequences of wearing pride (1 Peter 5:5)?
5. Share a time from personal experience when you have experienced God's grace for the humble or his opposition to pride?
6. How is humility exercised through casting our cares through constant prayer (1 Peter 5:6-7)? Why do we often struggle to do this?
7. What are believers to actively do to in resisting the Devil and his schemes to destroy us (1 Peter 5:8-9)? What in your own life needs attention?
8. How does the passage and the overall exhortation in the letter of 1 Peter give you strength and encouragement to stand firm in the faith to endure trials and suffering of life (1 Peter 5:10-11)?

STOP AND PRAY:

Praise: *God who in Jesus gives us an example to follow in putting on humility so we can exalt Him.*

Confess: *Of failure to cast your anxiety and cares on God and holding pride that opposes God.*

Pray: *That you would give up and surrender what you need to so that Jesus is lifted up and exalted in your life.*