



MY GREATEST DAY OF FAITH

FAITH IN THE CHALLENGE

1 Peter 5:6 – 9

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MESSAGE NOTES

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. — 1 Peter 5:6 – 9 (ESV)

Humble yourselves, ... — 1 Peter 5:6 (ESV)

... humility comes before honor. — Proverbs 15:33 (ESV)

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. — Matthew 23:12 (ESV)

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you. — James 4:10 (ESV)

- **Wait expectantly with open hands because God will lift us up**

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And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And He said to His disciples, "Sit here while I pray." And He took with Him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. — Mark 14:32 – 33 (ESV)

Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in Me. — John 14:1 (ESV)

- **Watch carefully with open eyes because God will show up**

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. — 1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. — John 10:10 (NIV)

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- **Stand confidently with open Bibles because God will build us up**

Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. — 1 Peter 5:9 (ESV)

In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. — 1 Peter 1:6 – 7 (ESV)

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. — 1 Peter 5:10 (ESV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Discussion Starter: We always talk about moms on Mother’s Day, but if you could design the perfect child, what would they be like?
- As a group, share some thoughts on what a good definition of humility might be based on 1 Peter 5:6.
- Why does God’s shaping path for our lives sometimes feel backwards? Think of some of the paradoxical truths of the Bible as you discuss this: You must lose your life to save it; Resurrection comes after dying and being buried; The first shall be last; You gain when you give away.
- What does it mean to humble ourselves before God and how does God lift us up?
- Read 1 Peter 5:7. Share some of the common anxieties of life in today’s world? What are some of your worries personally? What does it mean to cast all our anxiety on Christ?
- Read 1 Peter 5:9. What are some of the ways that we “resist” the enemy and “stand firm” in our faith? What are some common pitfalls that keep us from doing that? What weapons of faith has God given us to stand firm in?
- What are some ways you have seen God show up in your life, build you up or lift you up over the last few weeks?
- What was your biggest take away from the message this last Sunday?
- How did God use Elizabeth’s life story to encourage you or remind you of how God works?