

Alderwood Community Church
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Humility

Hope: Confidence when Facing Hostility

1 Peter 5:5-7

(Page 1203 or 1223-1224 in chair Bible)

Big Idea: Humility is a demonstration of your trust in God.

1. Humility under _____ (v. 5a) Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older (the elders of the church).

*“Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.” **Hebrews 13:17***

2. Humility in _____ (v. 5a) All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another.

*“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” **Philippians 2:3-4***

3. Humility in _____ (v. 7) *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.* **Matthew 6:25-33**

Sermon Questions:

1. Some may feel the need to be “in control”. Is that good or bad? Where in your life do you feel the need to be “in control”?

2. Who does Peter speak to in this passage? Why does he speak to these groups?

3. The underlying assumption in the command to humble ourselves is the natural tendency we all have toward pride. What does it mean to be “proud”?

Where does pride show up most in your life?

4. Read **John 13:1-17**. Peter may have been thinking of Jesus’ humble example that night as he wrote this letter. How does Jesus’ example help or challenge you to “clothe” yourself with humility toward others?

When, or with whom, do you find it most difficult to choose humility?

5. What promise(s) do you see in the text that encourage you as you choose to humble yourself?

6. It is easy to submit to leaders when you agree with them. When have you struggled to submit to church leaders because you disagreed with a decision or direction? Did you exhibit humility or pride?

What, if anything, would you do differently in light of Peter's instruction?

7. What anxieties come up when we humble ourselves toward others and God?

On a practical level, what does it mean to cast all our anxieties on God?