

Why Are You Still Here?

1 Peter 5:5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Here Peter in his letter to the strangers that are scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappodocia, Asia, and Bithynia, shares a little bit of his wisdom with us concerning how to become a better Christian.

It will enlighten you to some of the realities of the Christians walk through this life.

I highly recommend this book.

This Bible is amazing. You ought to read it sometime.

Here Peter admonishes the young people concerning humility.

A virtue, which is definitely not taught in our society today.

“Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.”

Young person, before God will ever use you, you must first prove to Him your humility.

God is not looking for talent or ability. God is looking for humility.

Why did God choose Moses to lead his people out of bondage?

Because Moses was humble.

God wanted somebody to speak through. He wanted a mouthpiece.

And he choose Moses.

Moses said God you don't want to use me, I've got a ssssstuttering problem.

God said, Moses, I don't care about you inadequacies, or you flaws. I don't need you talents or abilities. All I need is for you to be humble.

God doesn't care how talented we are or how good looking we are or if we have the right personality or not, when he places an anointing upon you, he throws all you inadequacies out the window.

I would much rather hear somebody get up and sing Amazing Grace under the anointing and power of God, than to listen to Mariah Carey or Celine Dion sing some old worldly song perfect to every note.

God doesn't always call the equipped, but he will always equip the called!

Peter goes on to say, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:"

We must let God exalt us, and not try to exalt ourselves.

David, when he was anointed to be the next king of Israel, did not go straight to the throne room, he went back to the field to do the same old boring work he'd always done.

Just because God's places an anointing on your life doesn't mean that you are going to go straight from cleaning the bathrooms at church to preaching on Sundays.

God had some things that he wanted to teach David. That is why he sent him back to the wilderness.

We must let God exalt us in due time. And God doesn't need our help.

All this I've been saying so far is just practice. I'm just now getting to what I want to preach to you about tonight.

"Why are you still here?"

Peter said in verse 8, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:"

There it is. There are most all your problems, temptations, and trials under one umbrella.

Peter, such a wise man, said the devil's job, is to devour you.

By whatever means necessary.

His job, or his calling is to kill you spiritually.

Now I don't want anybody to misunderstand me.

I don't believe that every problem that we have is straight from the devil.

Some of the problems that we face are sent by God himself. But that is completely different sermon.

But those problems like you have after you've shouted and danced and talked in tongues on Sunday night, and as soon as you get on the job Monday morning the boss jumps on your back and you can't seem to do anything right.

That's the enemy's job is to bring you down and steal your victory.

He wants to kill you.

But I want to ask you one question, "Why are you still here?"

You should be dead. The devil should have already devoured you.

In fact, we all should already have given up and been backslidden.

For you and I both know that the devil had us all exactly where he wanted us.

We were living in sin. We were wrapped up and engrossed in the things of this world. And didn't even care about God or His Word.

The devil had us where he wanted us.

But something happened, and God began to deal with us.

And just before we had completely given up and let Satan devour us, God stepped in and saved our souls, and gave us eternal life.

And even after we were saved, Satan didn't give up.

If anything, after we got the Holy Ghost he's fought us harder than he's ever fought us before.

But, You're still here!

He hasn't gotten you yet!

Why?

Because God's got a job for you to do.

He's got a purpose for you to fulfill.

You haven't yet witnessed to the last person you need to witness to.
You haven't yet prayed through that sinner that needs your help.

Preacher you haven't yet been used by the Holy Ghost to preach the most powerful message that you will ever preach.

We haven't yet seen the greatest revival that we will ever see.

I have heard people ask the question, "Why doesn't God just come down now and take his people out of this old filthy, sinsick, perverted world?"

I've come to the realization, that we haven't yet finished the work that God has called us to do.

Knowledge without Enthusiasm is boring.
Enthusiasm without Knowledge is chaos.

But Joel prophesied that in the last days God would pour out his spirit upon all flesh. And that our young men would see visions and our old men would dream dreams.

God said that everybody would be a part of the Revival that would come in the last days.

What a power we possess when we unite the Zeal, Enthusiasm, and Vision of the younger generation, with the Wisdom, Knowledge, and Dreams of the older generation.

Instead of bickering and rebelling against one another, why don't we get together and use what God has given us to bring about the greatest revival that we have ever seen!!

Let me just preach to the older saints here a minute. Help me out here young people.

In the New Testament, God sent the angel to tell two unsuspecting women that each of them was going to have a child.

But notice the difference between these two women.

Elizabeth was the older of the two. She was married to Zacharias. But she didn't have any children already because she was barren.

What about Mary? She was just a young girl. She wasn't married. She was a virgin.

Here we have two impossible situations.

But it always seems as if God takes the impossible to bring about the miraculous!

Everybody else would have said, it's impossible!

But God said don't you throw away or forget about these two women just yet I've got a job for them to do.

There are some people who have the Elizabeth ministry, and there are some who have the Mary ministry.

There are some of you who have been exposed to the awesome miracle working power of God, like Elizabeth had been exposed to Zacharias, but yet there hadn't been anything born of that relationship so far.

I want to talk those of you who have that Elizabeth ministry for a minute.

The devil has come to you and said that you are washed up. He's tried to discourage you, and disappoint you.

And maybe you're beginning to believe him a little.

But you must know that the reason that you are still here, is because God's not finished with you yet!

Preacher don't stop preaching the Word without fear and favor.

You don't need to let up on the doctrine now.

My God you need to preach it harder and with more wisdom than you've ever preached it before!

Older saint of God, don't you give up praying those prayers for your lost loved ones.

Don't you quit praising God, and try to say well I'm just going to let the younger people be the one's that worship and shout and talk in tongues.

The younger one's are going to do that, but we still need you to be right in the middle of us.

Don't you give up. Don't you let the enemy steal your ministry. Don't you just lay down and die.

We need pray warriors and intercessors more now than we ever have before. Young and Old alike.

We need to go to our knees and pray like we've never prayed before.

Prayer is battle.

Luke 22 tells of how Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The exact words are “and he was withdrawn from them about a stone’s cast, and kneeled down, and prayed,”

That word withdrawn means: To unsheathe a sword for battle

Jesus didn’t go a stone’s cast away to just lay down and die!

He went to war!

When you go to your knees you not going there to waist time, your going there to go to battle!

When you hit your knees, whether you realize it or not, you are unsheathing the weapon that God has given you to fight with.

Don’t give up older saint of God. Don’t quit going to your knees and travailing before God.

You might say, Well I just can’t fight like I could 10 years ago.

I pray that the spirit of David’s mighty men of valor comes upon you, so that just like Eleazar when think you just can’t hold on to the sword anymore, that something happens, and your hand cleaves to the weapon that God has given you.

Why are you still here?

It’s because God’s not done with you yet!

He’s still got a work for you to do.

The devil has brought everything against you that he possibly can, but yet you’re still standing.

* Boxer

We’re not giving in and we’re not giving up.

Young person, God's not finished with you yet!

He's got a purpose for you to fulfill!

You've got to keep on dancin'!