

1 Peter 5:5-7 The Ointments of Gospel Unity

We saw in our study last time that Peter addressed the Elders the Pastors of the Flocks

A) Their role is to be servant leaders of the church

B) who **willingly and eagerly Feed the flock** the word of God

C) And who **are devoted to tending to and caring for the people of God**

D) That is God's picture of a Shepherd – Church, home, a group, a Sunday school class –

1) That is what our ministry is supposed to look like

As Peter moves forward he begins addressing life in the Body of believers.

A) How are we to get along.

B) Remember the context – he is speaking to people who are suffering

1) People who were going through great difficulty.

C) **Twenty-one times in this letter he addresses that subject of suffering.**

1) suffering can bring out the worst in people, the worst attitudes, the tensions.

D) **And in suffering people will often resort to dishonorable behaviors:**

1) Tempers will flare, irritations will mount, accusations will fly, and pride will rear its ugly head.

In the passage before us today - Peter mentions two traits that can be like a healing ointment or lubricant

A) when there is tension and suffering

B) Whether we are talking about in the church, the home, business.

C) When these two traits are implemented it can make a bitter situation sweet.

1) Submission and Humility

D) This is a great word for all of us today but especially dads-

1) because we are called to be those Shepherds and servant leaders in our families

E) Called to help put out fires not start them, Peace makers in the home

1) So keep that in mind as we work through this passage.

5 Likewise Elders are to Shepherd the flock – with that in mind and with a similar heart Peter addresses the younger people you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, **But gives grace to the humble.”**

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Younger People – (Young men) – submit to your elders

A) The word submit is Hupotasso in the Greek -- to line up under

B) It's a military term: to line up under. The idea is that you line up under somebody's authority.

1) You get in line under their authority. You relinquish your rights.

Why address the Younger people – young men?

A) In times of Crisis and suffering – young men can be idealistic –

B) This is what is wrong – This is how we fix it

C) Well I admit I am not a young man anymore – but I am not an old man yet either –

1) I am upper middle ages – 57.5

D) But I am remember when I was a young man – early 20's at CCCM

1) Me and some of my friends in ministry were reading the puritans – so arrogant -

What is Pastor Chuck doing? He should be doing such and such

A) I was such an prideful idiot – no clue

B) Later in my mid to late 20's – on staff here with Pastor Brian – grown a little bit

1) thinking not verbalizing –

C)What is Pastor Brian doing – if I was the pastor here we would be doing this –

1)why does he do it that way.

Well the Lord let me go and start a church in Oregon

A)I got to try all those things I thought were such incredible ideas

B)Most of them didn't work –

1)I found myself saying – Now I know why Pastor Chuck – and Pastor Brian did do it that way.

C)Been said a sons perception of his father through the years will look like this.

- Ages 3-7 My Dad is my super hero – He can do anything
- Ages 8-11 My dad is so smart and wise
- Ages 12-16 My dad really doesn't know everything
- Ages 17-22 My dad doesn't know anything
- Ages 23-30 My dad is pretty smart – I should call him

E)Sometimes it takes learning the hard way – that our Elders knew what they were doing

After King Solomon died his son Rehoboam took over the throne in Israel

A)Now His Father Solomon has taxed the people heavily - **almost to the point of breaking them.**

B)So when Rehoboam got on the throne, the people came said, you got to relax the tax structure.

1)Your dad almost killed us."

C)So Rehoboam decided he would get advice from two groups of people.

1)he asked two groups of advisors: one was an older group who had advised his father;

2)one was his contemporaries, a much younger group, an edgier group.

D)The old guys said, **"You better listen to the people because they are on the brink of revolt."**

But when he asked the younger advisors they said,

A)Don't listen to what the people want. Show them who's the boss.

B)Assert your own authority over them.

1)In fact, you should say that your little finger will be heavier than your father's waist."

C)And so he did that, and the people did revolt and the kingdom split north and south

1)and never recovered from that.

Peter wants the young men to have respect for those who have gone before them –

A)Respect their wisdom and experience

B)But notice what he says next - . **Yes, all of you be submissive to one another,**

C)Picture of Older and younger being submitted to another –

See What is needed in a Church is the same as in a marriage

A)Mutual respect – mutual valuing of each other

B)Ephesians 5:21 – **Be submitted to one another in the fear of the Lord**

C)That is what is needed in a Church – Mutual submission- mutual respect

D)CV is a generational church – all generations here

Important for our future that we have a mutual respect – Valuing of each other here

A)Willing to learn from each other –

B)thanking the Lord for our differences and celebrating what we have in common.

C)Sometimes we think different is wrong – instead of just being different – different thinking

My Son – graphics – Not into Nepotism – Hardest on him just do it the way I want it!

A)you don't treat anyone the way that you treat me.

B)Value him – his gifts – His insights – his perspectives - everything changed

C)Younger people think differently than I do –

1)Different not wrong – Works both ways –

Respect each other – Value one another – walk in mutual submission

A)How do we do that? – Notice the 2nd ointment – put on , and be clothed with humility

B)The word "humility" means to get low or low-lying.

1)The word is sometimes translated "lowliness of mind."

Paul says, "Philippians, chapter 2:3 **“With lowliness of mind,” “Let each of you esteem others better than himself,”**

C)Here's what's interesting to me. The culture, in which this was written, the Greco-Roman culture, 1)despised the quality of humility.

D)They despised it much like today our society despises it.

See The Greeks believed there were only two types of people in the world: Greeks and everybody else.

A)The Greeks believed that self-confidence, self-aggressiveness, were the best of qualities.

B)The only people that were the humble people were their conquered enemies.

C)When they would conquer someone, they would turn them into slaves.

1)They would become the low-minded person or the "humble" person.

D)the Greek saw themselves as number one, As being superior."

1)**Everyone likes being #1**

When personalized license plates were first introduced in the state of Illinois

A)The DMV had thousands of requests for the license plate that said Number 1

B)There were so many request for Number 1 License plate that official at the DMV whose job it was to make the assignment said,

"I'm not going to assign this to someone and disappoint thousands of people."

C)So he solved the problem and he took the "NUMBER 1" for his own license plate.

C)Our nature – I want to be number 1 – even now my 3 year old grandson – is so competitive – I WON!

D)Our Pride is what makes us want to always be number 1

1)Often the opposite of Humility

The Bible always sees humility as a virtue, not a vice.

A)It doesn't say it's a wimpy, weak person, but a strong person.

B)And you know why? Because Jesus was humble.

1)One of the chief characteristics of the Savior we follow is humility.

C)The only Biographical statement Jesus made about his character in the gospels –

1)Jesus said -Matthew 11 – **I am gentle and lowly in heart** - Think about that

D)Paul exhorts us: "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, and thought it not robbery to be equal with God, he made himself of no reputation, he took on the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross."

E)So taking Christ as our model, Peter says, "Now you be clothed with humility

Then Peter tells us Why is humility the Key

A)He's quoting Proverbs chapter 3 verse 34---'God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.'

B)"**God resists the proud.**" Quickest way to pick a fight with God is to be proud.

C)You want resistance from God, be proud. God hates pride.

1)Proverbs 6 - six things the Lord hates – seven are an Abomination – First on the list – **A proud look**

It is our pride that gets us to live independently from God instead of being dependent on him.

A)It is our pride that makes us think – we can be good enough

B)Pride sets you against God and it sets God against you.

C)Jesus said, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

There were two brothers who grew up on a farm out in the middle of the country.

A)As they grew up, one of the boys decided he would stay on the farm and **take over for his dad as a simple farmer.**

B)The other one left the farm and went to school and became highly educated, got into politics,

C)He became very wealthy, grew in prominence and importance.

1)He was well-known.

And one day he came back and visited his brother on the farm.

A)And after supper they took a walk looking out over the fields.

B)And the educated, wealthy, politician brother put his arm around the farmer brother and he said, "*You know, you ought to think about leaving this farm and making something of your life. You know, do something important where you could hold your head up high. Get off this farm.*"

C)So the farmer brother put his arm on his prominent brother's shoulder and he said, "**Look out at that wheat field, brother. You know it well.**"

D)And he said, "Notice, only the empty heads stand up." -Paused to let that sink in for a few seconds

E)"Only the empty heads stand up," and he continued, "Those that are filled always bow low."

Another way of saying that is,

A)"The branch that bears the most fruit is the one that is bent lowest to the ground."

B)Clothe yourself with the very virtue that people of this world despise; humility, lowliness of mind.

C)God resist the proud but gives grace to the Humble

D)Grace – God's underserved favor - Grace is God's riches or resources at Christ expense

E)I need all the grace that I can get! – Clothe yourself in Humility

Two options for living

A)You can either RESIST God in Pride
Or you can REST in God through Humility

B)Resisting God says, I will do it my way!

➤ I will carry and handle my own burdens

C)Resting in God means I am taking my hands off of the steering wheel of my life.

D)Resting in God means I will cast my cares – my anxieties and worries into his hands

Why should we REST in God?

A)He is Capable – Humble yourself under the MIGHTY HAND OF GOD.

B)HIS HAND IS MIGHTY

C)That term, "the mighty hand of God," is often used in the OT---

1)to describe God's power of delivering his people who are in trouble.

D)They call out to him and "the mighty hand of God" is the one that delivers them from distress.

Why is it used here?

A)I think it's simply a reminder to them that when you humble yourselves before the Lord

B)and submit to God - YOU ARE putting your life in capable hands

C)I HAD Hip replacement surgery in 2018 –

When you go to a hospital and you go get surgery done, you "go under the knife" they call it.

A)They put you under anesthetic and you go to sleep.

B)That's an act of faith. – I am going to sleep and trust this doctor knows what he/she is doing

C)Picking a doctor – I ask a lot of questions – how many of these surgeries have you done?

1)3 – I want someone else – 3000 - Ok the Doc is capable

D)If reference to God I am believing that I am putting my life in capable hands / strong -mighty

There is nothing that this world can throw at you that HE can't handle

A)Spoke the worlds - - Continues to Sustain the world by his word.

B)Jesus who healed the sick and lame – raised the dead – calmed the seas – cast out demons –

1)is the same yesterday today and forever

C)You are placing your life in Capable hands

You are also placing your life in CARING HANDS - Casting all your cares – anxieties worries – stresses

A)Instead of caring those on your own – Cast them into the Capable and Caring hands of Jesus

B)Casting is demonstrative word – Casting the nets in fishing

C)Driving to the Military Memorial in San Diego – traffic don't want to be late – guns

1)Disrespect - Person in front – waving hands

Cast it into his Hands

A)Notice those hands – nailed Scarred – **His love and care and grace**

B)In the book of Hebrews the writer – talks about how Jesus is our great High priest – Come to him

¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:15-16

C)He is a high priest who can sympathize with our weakness – he has endured all our weakness

Some argue - “Yea but Jesus was sinless – it is just not the same-

A)C.S. Lewis gives this insight to the idea of the Sinlessness of Jesus as it relates to our struggle and temptation

“Jesus’s sinlessness means that he knows temptation better than we ourselves do. Picture a man walking against the wind. Once the wind of temptation gets strong enough, the man lies down, giving in—and thus not knowing how strong and difficult the wind would have been like ten minutes later. But Jesus never laid down; he endured all our temptations and testings without ever giving in. He therefore knows the strength of temptation better than any of us.”
C.S. Lewis Mere Christianity

B)What are you struggling with today- Jesus knows and He Cares -

C)He is Capable – He endured the Cross – despising the Shame

He Conquered Sin – Conquered death – Conquered Shame – for us

A)We are more than conquerors through him who loved us and gave himself for us

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

B)Will you HUMBLE YOURSELF TODAY – SO HE CAN LIFT YOU UP ?

C)CAST YOUR CARES TODAY – leave them in his capable hands – nail scarred hands.