

Message Notes

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Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Peter 5:1-7

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Bible Focus: 1 Peter 5:1-7

Current Series: Between 2 Worlds (A Study in 1 Peter)

Message Title: The Care You Need

1 Peter 5:1-4 - *To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ² Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; ³ not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.*

1. Elders _____

1 Peter 5:5a - *Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older.*

2. Younger _____

1 Peter 5:5b - *All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

3. Everyone _____

1 Peter 5:6-7 - *Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

4. Everyone _____

1. When it comes to care, who are your top five care-givers? Did people in God's family make your list? Whether they did or didn't, what does that tell you?
2. In what ways has your life been impacted by the ministry of Elders? In what ways has their example given you a model worth following?
3. How have you benefited from the input, counsel, advice, or admonishment of people older than you? Do you seek out helpful input from older people? How can you help younger people see the value of input from older people?
4. What is it about humility that we resist? What makes the apron of humility so hard to wear day in and day out? How have you seen a church's care levels increase due to God's flock making increases in humility?
5. Finish this sentence: When it comes to casting my cares on the Lord, I _____?
6. In light of this message, what can you do to increase in the levels of care we show toward each other here at Bridges? Is there one specific thing you can do that will demonstrate care for others?
7. Are you emotionally distressed in some way? Could it be connected to care-giving anxiety? How can you apply 1 Peter 5:6-7 to your current situation and need?