

GOING DEEPER

1 Peter 5:1-7

Read through 1 Peter 5:1-7 before each Going Deeper Study, then look at the specific verses being emphasized for “Going Deeper”.

Going Deeper #1 - Humility Part 1

Re-Read 1 Peter 5:1-7, focus on verses 5-7:

What is it we are being called to? Here are a few short verses to start with; read Micah 6:8 and Psalm 25:8-9.

How would you define living in humility each day? Why do you think this matters so much to God? Read James 4:6-10 and Matthew 23:10-12. Mediate on these sections, maybe go back and read them again. What stands out the 2nd time that tells us about God’s call to us to live in humility?

Going Deeper #2 - Humility Part 2

Re-Read 1 Peter 5:1-7, focus on verses 1-6:

Peter saw humility lived out through the actions of Jesus. What does Jesus show us? Read this story found in John 13:1-17

Dig a little deeper by reading the example from Jesus. What did Peter hear from what Jesus said about humility? What did Peter see Jesus do that reinforced this? Read Philippians 2:3-8.

How does this impact our response to the call to live in humility, especially in leadership? How can you practice what Jesus did and said?

Going Deeper #3 - Anxious/Worry Part 1

Re-Read 1 Peter 5:1-7, focus on verses 6-7:

Start out reading Psalm 94:17-19. The word “anxious” is not used but put yourself in the shoes of the author, what do you think might have been his emotions that he needed God consolidation? What does that mean for God to do that?

Let’s look at what Jesus said. Before you read it, imagine being there that day as Jesus looked out over the crowd. Imagine if he had made eye contact with you as he said these words. Read what Jesus said in Matthew 6:25-34.

How do you think trust and anxiety battle against each other as you read the words of Jesus? Hearing the words of Jesus, how does trust help or not help?

Going Deeper #4 - Anxious/Worry Part 2

Re-Read 1 Peter 5:1-7, focus on verses 6-7:

Building from the last “Going Deeper”. Take time to slowly read and look at Philippians 4:6-9. Go verse by verse and line by line. There are so many things that Paul writes about and says in those few verses; how do they help us battle being anxious? Pick the top three things that God might be asking you to practice in your life. How can you practice them?

Going Deeper #5 - Fear

Re-Read 1 Peter 5:1-7, focus on verses 5-7:

Think about this: How do you think fear and being anxious are related to each other? Start with reading John 14:27, Hebrew 13:6, and Psalm 56:3.

Look at even how Peter battled fear? Read Matthew 14:22-31 and Luke 22:54-62

Finish with reading Psalm 23. Why would the author say “your rod and your staff give me comfort”? How can this challenge fear and being anxious?

Consider memorizing this short Psalm as something you can bring to your mind and heart every day.