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TO THE CHURCH OF THE DISPERSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

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“Take A Walk On The Wild Side” – Part 2

The Ministry of The Grace of God Toward All Those Who Are Anchored in Christ.

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1 Peter 5:5-7

Likewise 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.

Our Message Titled;

Taking A Walk On The Wild Side

is a directive given to the believer, so as to embrace the inverted kingdom
life of what it is to be a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Great Examples of Men and Woman of The Bible,

Taking A Walk On The Wild Side

Romans 15:4

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the
patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

... and if we're not careful, we'll call them stories.

Taking A Walk On The Wild Side

1.) Begin with a willingness to follow

vs. 5

1a.) Following the divine pattern vs. 5a

1b.) Following at being one vs. 5b

1c.) Following to maintain unity vs. 5b

Verse 5c

and **be clothed with humility,**

This is The Method to our Following – Inviting Humility

Clothed grk: egkomboomai; to tie up the garment. **to tie up with a knot.**
to put on oneself (a garment)

**The actual, heaven-bound follower can be recognized.
They are Dressed for the Occasion @ Hand.**

**Dressed to Help. Dressed to Give. Dressed to Comfort.
Dressed to Encourage. Dressed to Love.**

Romans 12:9-13

Let **love** be without hypocrisy. **Abhor** what is evil. **Cling** to what is good. **10 Be (1)** kindly **affectionate** to one another with brotherly love, **(2)** in **honor** giving preference to one another; **11 (3)** not lagging in **diligence**, **(4) fervent** in spirit, **(5) serving** the Lord; **12 (6) rejoicing** in hope, **(7) patient** in tribulation, **(8) continuing** steadfastly in prayer; **13 (9) distributing** to the needs of the saints, **(10) given** to hospitality.

The greatest joy for the believer is to become aware of a particular need
within the family of God. It is in that moment that the Holy
Spirit within, takes over to meet the need through you. – **no greater joy !**

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2.) Continue with a commitment to stay

vs.5b-6a

:5b for “**God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.**”
:6a Therefore **humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,**

When I say Stay, I mean to Abide or to Commune

John 15:4-8,16

:4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. **:5** “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. **7** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. **8** By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples... **16** You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain,

Taking A Walk On The Wild Side
Continues With A Commitment To Stay

2a.) Stay by staying away from evil

vs. 5a

:5b for “God resists the proud,

**In some way – unknown to us, is the stark reality
that the sin of pride is the mother of all other sins.**

*“Of all the evils of our corrupt nature there is **none more unnatural and universal than pride, the grand wickedness, self exulting in our own and others’ opinions.**”*
F.B. Meyer

This ought to put awe and fear in all of our hearts today.

for “**God resists the proud**”
meaning that - - there is a perpetual, unceasing, relentless
opposition that is currently, presently resisting / fighting **against your pride.**

To Stand Up, To Oppose, or To Take a Stand Against.

Human Pride is an Inherited Pride.
Jesus said “*ye are of your father the devil*”

**There is a divine rejection of the proud that is an ongoing
war against the antichrist attitude of this world.**

God rejects pride in all its forms.
(Yes, **P R I D E M O N T H** is an Abomination to God)

Psalm 14:1

The **fool** has said **in his heart**, “There is no God.”

“The implication is thus; that such a man, the fool, is a fool by his own decision and admission and not for a lack of knowledge. His mind knows better, it is his heart that is happily corrupt, able but unwilling to change.”

Reformer Martin Luther and St. Thomas Moore encouraged the Christian of their day “To **“Take Lucifer lightly.**” Luther says, **“The best way to drive out the devil, if he will not yield to texts of Scripture, is to jeer and flout him, for he cannot bear scorn.**” For his part, Thomas Moore writes, **“The devil, that proud spirit, cannot endure to be mocked.”**

**The “Proud Christian” is either deceived at best,
or a fraud at worst.**

How does God resist the proud?
Where does God resist the proud?
When does God resist the proud?

When your eyes are on you and on the issues of your life, you will most likely be a man or woman that has succumbed to the most subtle temptation - - the world of me, myself and I – pride.

Pride is the Foundational Sin

1 John 2:16

For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

Proverbs 6:16-19

There are six things the Lord hates— no, seven things he detests: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, 18 a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, 19 a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family.

The Sin of Pride is The Chief Among Sins.

“That which first overcame man (pride) is the last thing he overcomes.”
Augustine

So then - if “God resists the proud” – then we too are to resist the proud. (the you, me, us inside of us)

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Continues With A Commitment To Stay

2b.) Stay by His empowering grace

vs. 5b

but gives **grace to the humble.**”

Empowered By Grace

What does it mean to be empowered by His grace.

Grace grk: charis; grace, to **give** kindness, to **give** blessing, to **give** favor. **give** gifts.

James 4:6

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:
*“God resists the proud, but gives grace to the **humble.**”*

Humble tapeinos; low-lying, as in unable to rise. as being caught in a circle (eg.swirling a drain) stuck in a depression.

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2c.) Stay by the purpose for your life

vs. 6

:6a Therefore **humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God**, that **He** may **exalt** you in due time,

A warning against a selfish heart.

The Ole' "what's in it for me?" Confession

A selfish heart will ask the question, if I care for others then who's going to care for me? It is one of the most telling and sad admissions of the faith-less life.

Killing Pride / Living in Confidence

This is the kind of humility that is wise and understands that truth, strength, power and might – is not found in earthly resources, but in coming under the mighty hand of God.

"that **He** may **exalt** you"

This is not a picture of a man cowering in terror and fear - - it is the opposite. This is a picture of a man standing fearlessly and confident in the strength of his God.

Proverbs 18:10

The name (authority-position-person) **of the Lord is a strong tower;** (fortress-safe place, sanctuary) **The righteous** (those graced by God, invited by God) **run to it** (who allow themselves to be humbled) **and are safe.**

The Grace of God "Empowers" You to get away from you.

Psalm 91:14-16

"Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. 15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him, and show him My salvation."

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3.) Finish with the victory in hand

vs. 7

:7 casting all your care upon Him, for (because) He cares for you.

**But Pastor Jack,
Wouldn't "Taking A Walk On The Wild Side"
Just Add To My Stress And Anxiety? Not at all and here is the reason why...**

**Taking A Walk On The Wild Side
Finish With The Victory In Hand**

3a.) Casting off the weights

vs. 7a

:7 casting ALL your care...

**The Greatest Benefit from Humbling Ourselves
Under The Mighty Hand of God... is Joy.**

casting all your care upon Him

This is a "Biblical command" in scripture.

casting grk: epirrhpto, *ep-ir-hrip'-to*. to throw away from you toward or upon another. to aim and to throw – to cast as to heave away from you.

Charles Spurgeon cried out;
"This Lord and this Lord I cannot bear."

So, what is being cast?
(all those concerns that are often our sins of worry and fear)

"Find man to worry for you and pay him well. – It will be his worry"

#1 God recognizes that you and I are prone to sin the sin of worry.

#2 God knows exactly what we need to do when we worry.

#3 God has commanded us to heave the danger of worry away from us.

**If there was an 11th Commandment it would be;
Thou Shalt Not Worry**

**"We were never designed to bear the load of both work and worry"
- F.B. Meyer**

This "Casting" involves confessing.

Confessing all your care upon Him

When we worry, we are assuming a responsibility
that was never intended to be ours.

Matthew 6:25-34

“Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? :28 “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; 29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? :31 “Therefore do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?’ or “What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32 For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33 But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow,

all

everything, anything that is or could be.

your

things that have gone “internal” or to the “heart and or mind”.
the inner workings of you.

care

issues that separate the mind, divide the heart, split the soul,

Luke 10:40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, *“Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.”*

distracted grk: perispao; to draw, to pull, to draw away. the image is one of being pulled apart in different directions. – sound familiar?

Worry and anxiety are the exact opposites of faith and trust.

So how do I overcome worry?

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Finish With The Victory In Hand

3b.) Casting and never stop casting

vs. 7c

upon **Him**,

Church - Spoiler Alert, Hello - It's All Upon Him

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God;

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

One day John Wesley was walking with a troubled man who expressed his doubt as to the goodness of God. The man said, ***“I do not know what I shall do with all this worry and trouble.”***

At the same moment Wesley saw a cow looking over a stone wall so Wesley asked ***“Do you know why that cow there keeps looking over the wall?”*** ***“No,”*** said the worried man. ***Well,*** said Wesley; ***“The cow is looking over the stone wall because she cannot see through it. That is what you must do with your wall of trouble – stop staring at it and look over it.”***

COME FORWARD

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