



Refiner's Fire | Week 9 Bill Bush | 08.01.2021

Big Idea

Don't GRUMBLE. Be HUMBLE!

KEY TERMS

Humility: Honestly assessing myself in light of God's holiness and my sinfulness.

Pride: Aspiring to the status of God and refusing to acknowledge my dependence on God.

Significance culturally: Individuals motivated by self-interest, self-indulgence, and a false sense of self-sufficiency pursuing selfish ambition for the purpose of self-glorification.

Significance biblically: Serving others for the glory of God.

1 Peter 5:5-6 (NLT)

⁵In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for

"God opposes the proud

but gives grace to the humble."

⁶So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.

If we choose to BE HUMBLE, we will...

- *WALK AWAY FROM WORRY.*

1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)

⁷Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you.

- *WATCH OUT FOR DECEPTION.*

1 Peter 5:8-9 (NLT)

⁸Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

⁹Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

- *WATCH THE GRACE OF GOD INCLUDE US IN VICTORY!*

1 Peter 5:10-13 (NLT)

¹⁰ In his kindness God called you to share in his eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus. So after you have suffered a little while, he will restore, support, and strengthen you, and he will place you on a firm foundation.

¹¹ All power to him forever! Amen.

¹² I have written and sent this short letter to you with the help of Silas, whom I commend to you as a faithful brother. My purpose in writing is to encourage you and assure you that what you are experiencing is truly part of God's grace for you. Stand firm in this grace.

¹³ Your sister church here in Babylon sends you greetings, and so does my son Mark.