

**The New Testament Church**  
**Who has Believed our Report?**  
**Part 2 – Navigating the Storm**  
**August 9, 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5 and Psalm 32 - Pastor Paul Jehle**

I A Review of Isaiah 53 – *the most Messianic chapter of the Old Testament*

A. *“In darkness God’s truth shines most clear”* – Corrie Ten Boom

1. Ps. 19:2 – *“day unto day utters speech, night unto night reveals knowledge”*
2. Phil. 2:15 – *“that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.”*
  - a. Blameless – not blaming (excuses) or blamed for attitudes of arrogance / sin
  - b. Harmless – we are to be “wise as serpents” but “harmless as doves”

B. Will we believe His Prophetic Word for our time that He is dealing with our PRIDE?

1. *God prepares far in advance, He does not react, but plans to deal with our Pride!* (read The Weaver, anonymous poem read by Corrie Ten Boom when she spoke)
2. *Hold only on to Christ – be prepared to let go of things that have too much value*
3. *Hold your tongue until you can speak from a place of humility and brokenness*
4. *His seed (multi-generational remnant) will come forth and fulfill their destiny!*

II 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:5-11 – navigating the storm that’s coming with submission and humility

A. Proverbs 30:19 – *There are three things which are too wonderful for me, yes, four which I do not understand; the way of an eagle in the air, the way of a serpent upon a rock, the way of a ship in the midst of the sea, and the way of a man with a virgin.*

1. Eagles / serpents (spiritual growth and warfare); man / virgin (Christ and Church)
2. How does the Church, as a ship, go through a storm on the sea?

B. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:5 – Submission - *Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another* To God (James 4:7), His Word, His Will, His promptings and still small voice

1. To authority – family, church, civil... and to one another (we need each other)
2. On a ship entering a storm – *listen to weather reports, go to port, reduce sail, pump water (routines and training become suddenly more important)*

C. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:5-7 – Humility , *and be clothed with humility... for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.*

1. God resists the proud – un-righteous (sin; own effort) / self-righteous (religious)
2. Psalm 32:1-4 - *Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer.*
  - a. No hiding of sin – deceit, feel older, God heavy on you (burdens)

- b. Your vitality (spiritual walk) turns into drought
- c. Confess your sin – the furnace of affliction is judgment on sin (Psalm 32:5-6) *I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You in a time when You may be found; surely in a flood of great waters they shall not come near him*
- 3. We are to be clothed with humility – it is our *attitude* that is so critical
- 4. Humble ourselves – choose to be less, take the back seat, serve...
- 5. On a ship entering a storm – *prepare to fast, batton down hatches (securely shut out light and air – they become precious commodities), tie down anything that could move (priorities become clear), strengthen lashes (prayer, devotions)*
- D. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:8-9 - Sober and vigilant warfare – *Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.*
  - 1. Sobriety – all of a sudden things we took for granted we become serious about
  - 2. Vigilance – every now and then become every day and every hour
  - 3. Adversary – the devil is serious, a tyrant, knows you, and wants you destroyed
    - a. The devil walks around watching your weakness to trap you
    - b. Though some will be devoured, this lion is no match for the Lion of the Tribe of Judah – so remain in Him
  - 4. Resist him (James 4:7)
  - 5. Steadfast in the faith – perseverance of the saints... it's His strength
  - 6. He is our hiding place – Psalm 32:7-8 - *You are my hiding place; you shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah. I will instruct you and teach you I the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.*
  - 7. On a ship entering a storm – *keep the ship facing the waves and wind*
- E. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 5:10-11 - Character formation – the purpose of suffering – *But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, srengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever.*
  - 1. Perfection – or maturity
  - 2. Established – confident regardless of circumstances – faithfulness
  - 3. Strengthen – able to help others – yielding to His power
  - 4. Settle you – building on the rock, not sand – looking beyond the storm
  - 5. The Joy of the Lord is your strength! Psalm 32:9-11 - *Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which have no understanding, which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, else they will not come near you. Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; but he will trusts in the Lord, mercy shall surround him. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!*
  - 6. A ship in the midst of a storm – having ballast – character, weight, glory