

A CALL FOR OUR CARES **(1 Peter 5:7)**

I. You are in this verse.

- A. You are to cast all your cares on Him.
- B. There are many things in this world that are impersonal.
 - 1. We are in the age of passwords.
 - 2. We are in the age of numbers.
 - 3. For many things we have to type in our pin number or our password and then we can be recognized.
- C. God still knows us as individuals.
 - 1. We don't have to log on with a password or pin number or email address to approach God.
 - 2. In fact, God knows us by name (John 10:3).
 - 3. He knows the number of the hairs on our heads (Luke 12:6-7).
- D. Jesus, despite having the ability to draw big crowds, never missed a tree for the forest.
 - 1. He knew Zaccheus by name (Luke 19:1-10).
 - 2. Jesus knew when one woman touched His clothing (Matthew 9:20-22).
 - 3. Jesus stopped a funeral for one woman (Luke 7:11-15).
 - a. Notice that Jesus saw her and had compassion on her.
 - b. Then, when He raised the son from the dead, it was Jesus that delivered him to her.
- E. The truth is, God has time for you.

II. Your cares are in this verse.

- A. Casting all your care on Him.
- B. There are many different types of cares in this life.
 - 1. Those who are married have cares about their marriages.
 - 2. Those with children have cares about their children.
 - 3. There are cares about finances and job security.
 - 4. There are cares about the state of our nation.
 - 5. There are cares about the state of the church.
 - 6. There are cares about family problems.
 - 7. There are cares about aging parents, physical problems and mental problems.
 - 8. There are cares about financial obligations not being met.
 - 9. You name it, and there is probably a care that someone has about it.
- C. Every care that we are carrying around is in this verse.
- D. Someone has said that cares are roadblocks to blessings.
 - 1. In reality, we are sinning when we hold on to cares.
 - 2. Here, Peter, by inspiration, has commanded us to cast our cares on Him.
 - 3. Jesus spoke about this in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:25-34).
- E. When we cast all of our cares on the Lord, we can experience the blessings God wants us to have.

III. God is in this verse.

- A. Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

B.No one understands us like God does.

- 1.The reason for this is, of course, He is our Creator.
- 2.He is well-versed in the cares this life has to offer.
- 3.His Son came down to this earth and experienced them (Hebrews 4:15).

C.God cares when we are pained and that is why He wants us to give Him our cares.

- 1.The truth is, we can't handle our cares ourselves.
- 2.They will swallow us whole if we keep them to ourselves.

D.God is waiting on us to hand our cares to Him.

E.How do we do that?

- 1.The answer is in the 6th verse of 1 Peter 5 (1 Peter 5:6).
- 2.We humble ourselves before God by acknowledging His ability to handle our problems and we pray to Him about them.
- 3.It is God who does the lifting up, not us.
- 4.He may not handle it like we want it handled, but it will be handled nonetheless.
- 5.Our faith in His providential care will be strengthened when we finally give in to Him.

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