

## MONDAY 06.15.26 - 1 Peter 5:7

This verse is hung between two bookends. It is one of those verses that means much to so many and is beloved and memorized by almost every believer. Its meaning is clear because we have no doubt about what our concerns are, or some versions say 'anxieties'. These upset us, keep us up at night and offer no clear path or conclusion to us while we ruminate over them.

What are the bookends? Verses 5/6 encourage us to be humble to each other, because God will glorify us in one future day. Of course, humility is not easy because we are by nature a prideful people. Verse 8 contends while we may be an enemy to ourselves, our spiritual enemy is strong and desirous of attacking and defeating us. He will create or magnify each anxiety against us. The cure is in the middle, verse 7. Cast those cares on Jesus, who alone can defeat them.

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## TUESDAY 06.16.26 - Hebrews 11:6

Hebrews 11:6, <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Just a couple of verses before today's scripture we are told, "faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." The word hope means something we believe in and are looking forward to. Our Christian life is a life of faith. We come to Christ by faith and we grow in Christ by faith. As our faith increases God's peace, comfort and joy become more evident in our lives, despite the situations in which we find ourselves. Romans 10:17 tells us that "faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." Do you want to truly experience the peace, comfort and joy of your salvation? If so, set time aside each day to be in God's Word and allow the Holy Spirit to show you that God is a

God who can be trusted in every situation. It pleases God to see your faith increase and He will reward you if you earnestly seek him.

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## WEDNESDAY 06.17.26 - Mark 16:15

In 1851, Queen Victoria and the city of London played host to "The Great Exhibition of the Works of Industry of All Nations." It was an opportunity for inventors to show the most innovative industrial equipment of the day. The machine that won first prize was a masterpiece of 7,000 moving parts. There were gears, pulleys, pistons, bells, and whistles—all perfectly synchronized. However, the machine made nothing—absolutely nothing! Those thousands of parts just pumped, twisted, and turned together. All that power and all that work served no useful purpose. The same thing can happen to a church. It can have a multitude of programs and activities and yet accomplish nothing of eternal value. A church must focus on fulfilling the command of Christ given to His followers: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Ask God to give you an opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with someone this week.

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## THURSDAY 06.18.26 - Deuteronomy 31:6

*Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!  
For I am God, and there is no other.*

God's clear communication through Isaiah reveals the world's greatest problem, its universal scope, and its only solution.

Everybody needs saving, and there is only one way to be saved. Have you turned to God for the salvation he offers? I hope so. Do you have a desire to share this message with lost friends, family, and strangers? I hope so on that front, too. When people need saving, they often need someone to point them toward help—a person who throws a life ring, reaches down into a pit, or simply tells them where true rescue can be found. Spiritually, God often uses ordinary believers to point others to the Savior and clearly communicate His invitation: 'Turn to me and be saved.'

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## FRIDAY 06.19.26 - Psalm 105:1-2

When something good happens, we can't wait to share the news. A new baby, an engagement, a wedding, a promotion, and/or restored health all fill our hearts so much we can't tell others fast enough. Keeping good news to ourselves is almost impossible! These first two verses of Psalm 105 give us five commands to celebrate the Lord. We are told to give praise to the Lord, proclaim his Name, make known to the nations what He has done, sing to Him, and tell all of His wonderful acts. Sometimes we are hesitant to talk about the Lord to others—we don't want to seem preachy or offend nonbelievers—but how can we justify keeping silent about all that God has done? He has given us a beautiful world in which to live, He provides for us, and most importantly He has saved us. We need to give credit where it is due. How can we deny others the joy that we have in the Lord?

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