

# Who Cares?

## I. Life Instruction

1 Peter 5:6-11 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him **because he cares for you**. <sup>8</sup> Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings. <sup>10</sup> And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

A. A prowling enemy seeking vulnerability

B. \_\_\_\_\_, standing firm in faith.

C. Universal issue

D. God will restore---

“strong, firm & steadfast”

Joel 2:25-26 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup> 'I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten-- the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm-- my great army that I sent among you. <sup>26</sup> You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed.

## II. Bitter Fruit

A. Anger, hatred, unforgiveness

1. Christians should never get angry.

Ephesians 4:26 (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,

2. Hatred has no place in Christian thinking.

Proverbs 6:16-19 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: <sup>17</sup> haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup> a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, <sup>19</sup> a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension among brothers.

3. Forgiveness increases vulnerability.

## B. Shame

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

## C. \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 53:3 (NIV)

<sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

## III. God Cares for you, Do you care?

Psalms 51:2-4 (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup> For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

A. Learn about His \_\_\_\_\_

B. Adopt His \_\_\_\_\_

C. Embrace His initiatives

**Key:** resist, rejection, kingdom, concerns