

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

Have you ever gone through a difficult situation in your life and felt like you were the only one going through it? Like you were alone? If willing, please share.

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE**> Read 1 Peter 5:6-7.**

Read Matt. 23:12; Lk. 14:11; 1 Cor. 10:13. In order to stand firm, what is the pattern God uses in our lives to save us, redeem us, and conform us to the image of Christ? Why is it important to understand that humility comes before exaltation?

We are told to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God. How? What does this look like in your life? Share an example.

What are worry and anxiety really a result of? Why is it important to cast our cares upon God?

> Read 1 Peter 5:8-9.

Read Matt. 24:42; 25:13; 1 Peter 4:7. Peter tells us in chapter 4 to be sober-minded in light of the end. How does his command there related to his command here? Why does



Peter tell us that we are to be sober-minded and watchful in life? What does this look like in the life of the believer?

What are some ways that the devil is at work in this world? Is the image of a roaring lion a good description? Why or why not?

Read Rev. 12:9. Here we are told that Satan is the deceiver of the whole world. What are some of the things that Satan does in the life of the believer to deceive us?

Though Satan is powerful, we need not fear him. Why? What do we need to believe in order to resist the devil?

NEXT STEPS**> Read 1 Peter 5:10-11.**

In order to stand firm, what do we need to believe about the promises of God? The promises of God for the future? What are some of these promises?