

Title: **Under Pressure: From Anxiety to Assurance**
Text: **1 Peter 5:6-11**
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Big Idea

In suffering (and spiritual conflict), Christians can stand firm through humble reliance on God, watchful resistance against Satan, and hopeful confidence in Jesus Christ because of His grace & power.

1. H_____ R_____ On God (vv.6-7)

(cf. Matt 6:25-34, 13:22; Luke 21:34, Mark 4:38, Luke 10:40)

- Knowing God's P_____ (Transcendence) & C_____ (Immanence)

- Remember God > Our C_____ & Our D_____

2. W_____ R_____ Against Satan (vv.8-9)

(cf. 1 Pet 1:13, 4:7; 2 Tim 4:5, 1 Cor 16:13, Col 4:2, 1 Thess 5:6, James 4:7, 1 Pet 4:12)

- Be Spiritually A_____

- Know Your E_____ : Satan

- Know You're N_____ A_____

3. H_____ C_____ in Jesus (vv.10-11)

(cf. 1 Pet 1:6, Rom 8:18, Matt 7:25, 2 Thess 3:3, Heb 12:1-2)

- Have P_____

- Be A_____ of God's G_____



Reflection Questions

- How does knowing God is both transcendent and immanent bring comfort to you in the midst of your difficulties, struggles and anxieties?
- What difficulties am you currently carrying instead of casting them on God? How might your anxieties be related to pride?
- Where are you spiritually vulnerable? What temptations, sins, lies (or half-truths) about yourself or God are you being confronted with these days? In what ways are you -- or aren't you -- cognizant of Satan?
- In what ways do you need to keep in mind the temporary nature of this life vs. eternity?
- How does knowing God's grace to you through Jesus give you hope, peace and assurance in your life and circumstances?
- **Parent Corner:** How does your child(ren) react to and deal with difficulties, worries and suffering? What shapes their responses? How might this passage equip, prepare and strengthen their faith for future difficulties?

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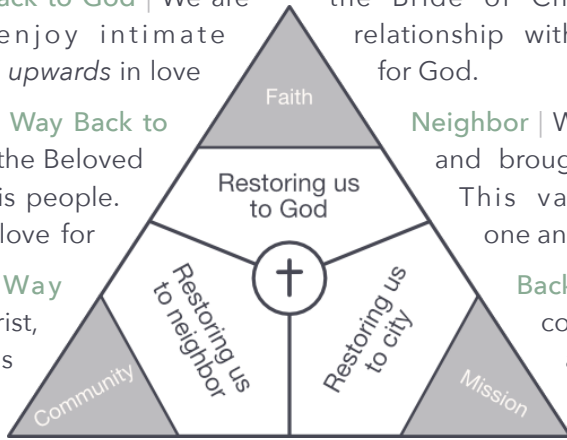
Our Mission & Values

Mercy Hill Church exists to help restore us to God, neighbor, and city through the good news of Jesus Christ.

FAITH: The Way Back to God | We are redeemed to enjoy intimate relationship with God. This value presses our church *upwards* in love for God.

COMMUNITY: The Way Back to Christ, adopted in the Beloved relationship with his people. This value presses our church *inwards* in love for Neighbor | We are the Family of and brought into covenantal relationship with him. This value presses our one another.

MISSION: The Way the Embassy of Christ, Savior to be his ambassadors. This value presses our church *outwards* in love for the Back to City | We are commissioned by the unbelieving.



Your Next Steps

When approaching the Christian faith and life, it can be confusing to know where to even begin. Come find us at the Next Steps Table after the service—it would be our joy to help you along in the journey! And if you're a visitor, we have a special gift bag for you. Don't miss it!



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We are so glad you've joined us today!

Announcement Spotlight

All Church Campout - Open Registration!

We are excited to announce that we will again be hosting our All Church Campout at Mount Madonna County Park over the weekend of June 26-28! We have a huge group campsite all to ourselves and lots of options in the park for having fun together. Whether you love to camp or you'd rather still sleep in your own bed, we have something for everyone. Because the park is only a 45 minute drive from south San Jose, people can feel free to come and go as it works with their schedule and preference.

- **Option #1: Day-Use:** For those not wanting to camp but still wanting to participate, the Day-Use option is best. You can come in for the day, enjoy activities, meals, etc., and then head home to your warm bed while the rest of us "rough" it :).
- **Option #2: Camp:** This option is for those who want the full camping experience. We have the site for Friday and Saturday nights. You can choose to camp for one or both of these depending upon your availability and desire.

Scan the QR code below for more info and to find a link to sign up!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at info@mercyhillchurch.org.

All Church Prayer - Tonight!

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