

How have you experienced God’s care for your concerns in the past? In what ways has he been faithful to meet you in the midst of your anxieties?

What anxieties do you need to “cast” upon him today? What would change about your life if you were to do so?

According to verses 8–9, we also need to be watchful and resistant of the devil. **How should these instructions change the way you think about your spiritual life? Where do you need to be more watchful? More resistant?**

Peter also mentions that our struggles with the enemy are experienced by our “family of believers” worldwide. In other words, believers everywhere contend with the enemy just as we do today. **How should that truth inform the way you pray for other believers? How should it shape your humility and service toward them?**

Verses 10–11 cap off our reason for doing all of this, not simply following the instructions from this session, but those given throughout Peter’s entire letter—our sufferings are temporary and God is going to fix it all soon. **In what ways does that truth encourage you today? How should the temporary nature of our struggles comfort you wherever you find yourself today?**

We’ve devoted seven sessions to studying a difficult topic, but one that’s a guaranteed part of our Christian life. Suffering is never desirable, but we should approach it with hope knowing that God allows it to refine our faith and that he cares for us deeply. **What have you learned about 1 Peter that you did not know before this series? How has your understanding of this book and the Bible as a whole deepened as a result of this study?**

As you walk away from this series, what will you do practically to focus your hope on Christ’s return? How would it change your daily life if you were to do so?
