Braving the Cultural Backlash 1 Peter 5:6-9 June 25, 2017

If you stand for something, you stand against something else.

God-given convictions are unique in this world.

How do Christians face suffering anxiety and temptation?

Waiting for God: Humility before God

"If anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed." 1 Peter 4:16

What is humility, anyway?

God is working even through the opposition, even in the suffering.

Give your Anxiety to God

Anxieties are like dirty laundry.

Do you really believe that God cares for you? (John 3:16; 1 John 4:10; Romans 5:8; 1 John 4:16; Jude 21)

What does God do for us as we cast our cares upon him?

He gives us the wisdom to understand, the courage to endure, the strength to act, and the faith to trust.

Psalm 55:22 "Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall."

Withstanding Temptation

We cast our cares upon God; but we do not become passive.

You will be tempted to doubt God control and his care.

How do we resist? By standing firm in the faith.

Suffering is part of the Christian faith.

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.