

Add To Your Faith

# HE CARETH FOR YOU

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<sup>7</sup> *Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*

Introduction:

All of us are confronted with cares every day.

Contrary to what some people would lead you to believe, the Christian life is not all mountain tops and no valleys. It's not all sunshine and no rain. It's not all joy and no pain. We do have cares.

Note what the Psalmist says:

## **Psalm 55:22**

<sup>22</sup> *Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.*

In this passage here in 1 Peter 5 the word care carries the idea of a distraction, something that causes concern or uneasiness.

Let's turn to Luke 7:11-18 and consider an example of the care of the Lord.

## **Luke 7:11-18**

<sup>11</sup> And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. <sup>12</sup> Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. <sup>13</sup>

And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. <sup>14</sup> And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. <sup>15</sup> And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. <sup>16</sup> And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. <sup>17</sup> And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about. <sup>18</sup> And the disciples of John shewed him of all these things.

Note:

If there was ever a person who experienced the care of the Lord, it was the lady that we meet here in Luke chapter 7.

This is a lady had come face to face with death's awful sting.

The Bible says she is a widow. Death had come knocking at her door and claimed her spouse. Now, once again, death comes knocking, this time for her son. This would have been painful had the Bible said that death came for one of her sons, but the Bible tells us this was her only son. In a span of time, death has come and taken away the family of this lady. Death steps aside for no one.

We don't know much about the young man that was being carried out of town on the bier on this day. What was his cause of death? Was it a death related to immoral conduct? Was his death related to some sinful lifestyle that he was involved in? Was it a death of natural causes or an accident possibly? We don't know. All we know is that this, the only son of a widow woman is now dead. His life is done. He is now without hope. There is no hope of a future for him. No hope of a family, no hope of children or a wife. There's no hope of providing for his mother, of building his own home, of greater things for his family. All hope died when he did. He was hopeless and the widow woman was too.

Notice 4 things concerning Christ who Cares.

# 1. COMPASSION OF CHRIST (VS. 12-13)

## **Luke 7:12-13**

<sup>12</sup> *Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her.* <sup>13</sup> *And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.*

The first thing I want you to notice this morning is the Compassion of Christ. Now, we've already made mention of the terrible situation this lady finds herself in.

No doubt, this is her darkest hour. This is a time in her life that is full of death and desperation. Everything up to this point has been sadness and grief. However, things are about to change.

It's interesting to notice the conversation that takes place here in verse 13. Notice what Jesus tells this lady who is on her way to bury her son. It's a simple statement, Weep not.

It's interesting that He would say to a widow lady who has lost all her family to weep not. What He is telling her is that He is going to help her. He is comforting her, letting her know that it is going to be alright. And what a great picture of grace this is. We have no record that

this lady ever asked for Jesus to raise her son from the dead, yet in His compassion He was willing to help.

Isn't it a wonderful thing to know that we serve a Saviour who is moved by our feelings. His heart is touched with our grief. We see the compassion of Christ.

Notice not only the Compassion of Christ but also:

## **2. COMMAND OF CHRIST (VS. 14)**

### ***Luke 7:14***

*<sup>14</sup> And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.*

Jesus not only felt sorry for this widow lady, but He cared enough to help her, to do something for her. He brings this funeral procession to a halt. He comes to the bier, the bed that they carried the dead body on, and He touches it.

The law forbid the touching of a dead body, that's why Jesus touches the bed upon which the man is lying. This touching was to signify to those carrying it to put it down. Jesus then gives the command we see in verse 14. There are some things worth noting about this command.

- It Was An Individual Command

He says Young man, Jesus is interested in people on an individual basis.

### It Was An Impossible Command

The boy was dead.

He didn't just die, he had been dead for some time. Here they were at the conclusion of the funeral march, he was about to be buried and now he is being told to arise.

Sounds impossible.

Dead men don't arise.

They don't get up and walk around. Surely in the eyes of the crowd gathered around that day this looked like an impossible thing.

But Luke has already told us in Luke 1:37

### **Luke 1:37**

<sup>37</sup> *For with God nothing shall be impossible.*

The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. The things which seem impossible in the eyes of men are possible with God.

This command leads us to verse 15.

Note:

### **3. CONQUERING OF CHRIST (VS. 15)**

#### ***Luke 7:15***

<sup>15</sup> *And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.*

The boy that was dead sat up.

This may not have surprised some in that day because most people were not embalmed and thus sometimes muscles would contract and could result in someone who was dead to sit up.

But the Bible records the fact that he began to speak. Now, no dead man in history has ever spoken. To speak cannot be explained away other than to say that Jesus Christ conquered death.

We're not merely serving some powerless, generic god. We are serving an all powerful, omnipotent God. We're serving the One who holds the keys to death, hell, and the grave.

#### ***Revelation 1:18***

<sup>18</sup> *I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am*

*alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

If Christ can conquer death, then there is no problem you or I will ever face that He can't handle for us. He has conquered it all.

Notice not only the Compassion of Christ, the Command of Christ, the Conquering of Christ but lastly:

## **4. THE CELEBRATION OF CHRIST (VS.16)**

### ***Luke 17:16***

*<sup>16</sup> And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.*

We're told that the people glorified God.

They recognized the presence of God's power and mercy, and they celebrated Christ. Let me say, once you recognize

Who He is and what He's done for you, it will cause you to celebrate Him as well. It will cause you to worship and adore Him.

You will give Him the praise that He is worthy of because of the wonderful change that He's made in your life.



How could a man that was dead and is now alive not praise the One who gave Him life? How could we who were once dead in our trespasses and sins not praise the One who gave us eternal life?

Close:

Let me say in closing and give an acrostic that I hope will help us remember that we to are to cast our care upon Him.

We should:

C – Commit Our Burdens to the Lord

A – Ask For His Help In Prayer

S – Search the Scriptures

And the same Book that invites us to Cast All Our Care Upon Him, is also filled with glorious promises that will meet our every need. Whether by way of a literal promise or by way of application, there will always be something that will speak to our hearts, calm our fears, set our attention and affection on Him, and guide us in the proper path.

T – Trust Him

The final aspect in regards to Casting All Our Care Upon Him is that we must simply Trust Him. Take the Savior at His Word. “He Careth For You”

- He Knows Our Names – John 10:3

***John 10:3***

*<sup>3</sup> To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.*

- He Knows the Number of Hairs on Our Head – Matthew 10:30

***Matthew 10:30***

*<sup>30</sup> But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.*

- He Counts the Steps of Our Feet – Job 14:16

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*<sup>16</sup> For now thou numberest my steps: dost thou not watch over my sin?*

- He Notes the Thoughts of Our Hearts – Malachi 3:16

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*<sup>16</sup> Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a*

*book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.*

- He Bottles the Tears From Our Eyes – Psalms 56:8

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*<sup>8</sup> Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: are they not in thy book?*

- He Holds Our Right Hand in His Hand – Isaiah 41:13, Psalms 73:23

***Isaiah 41:13***

*<sup>13</sup> For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.*

***Psalm 73:23***

*<sup>23</sup> Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand.*

He Supplies All Our Needs – Philippians 4:19

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*<sup>19</sup> But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

What a Savior! What love! What grace! I'm thankful that He Cares for you and me.