



1st PETER

Hope, in a world that is not our home.

1 Peter 5:1-14

1 Peter 5:1-4 – Exhortation to elders

- Question 1
 - How are elders to “shepherd the flock” they are overseeing? (1 Peter 5:1-3)

1 Peter 5:1-4 – Exhortation to elders

- Exhorted to “shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers”
 - Elders – plurality
 - Flock of God among you – the local congregation
 - Shepherd – to tend to the flock (provide and protect)
 - Oversee – take oversight, look upon, care for, inspect

1 Peter 5:1-4 – Exhortation to elders

- Exhorted to “shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers”
 - “not by compulsion, but willingly”
 - As one that desires to serve in this manner (1 Timothy 3:1)
 - “not for dishonest gain but eagerly”
 - Not looking for any return but looking to serve

1 Peter 5:1-4 – Exhortation to elders

- Exhorted to “shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers”
 - “nor as being lords over those entrusted, but being examples to the flock”
 - Not looking for power but one looking to help
 - *The idea of all of these is one is there to serve*
 - The result of proper leadership is receiving the crown at the end that does not fade away (1 Peter 1:4)

1 Peter 5:5-11 – Exhortation to all

- V.4-5 – Submit to elders and be clothed in humility
 - Submit to elders
 - They are ruling over you and trying to help, especially during a time of trial
 - Be clothed in humility
 - Humble yourselves and look to serve one another (Philippians 2:1-4)
 - John 13:10-17 – Jesus exemplifies servitude
 - “God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble”

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- Question 2

- Who are we to humble ourselves before? Why are we to do this? (1 Peter 5:6-7)

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- V.6-7 – Humble yourselves before God, casting all your concerns upon Him
 - We are to submit to God and allow Him to exalt us
 - Hebrews 10:31 – “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God”
 - Philippians 4:6-7 – “Be anxious for nothing... let your requests be made known to God”
 - We serve the all-powerful God; we are to allow Him to exalt us and trust in Him during adversity and suffering
 - ***Do we let go and let God?***

1 Peter 5:5-11 – Exhortation to all

- Question 3

- Who are we to resist and how are we to do so?
(1 Peter 5:9)

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- V.8-9 – Be watchful and resist the devil
 - Satan is looking to devour (Genesis 3; Job 1-2; Matthew 4)
 - So... we need to be sober, vigilant, and ready to resist Him
 - We do so “steadfast in the faith”
 - Satan is trying to attack our faith, so we resist Him in the faith
 - Faith comes by hearing the word of God – Romans 10:17
 - “submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee” – James 4:7
 - Jesus used the word of God in Matthew 4

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- V.8-9 – Be watchful and resist the devil
 - We also need to recognize we are not the only one going through suffering
 - All who live godly will suffer
 - 2 Timothy 3:12 – “All who live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution”

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- Question 4

- What do we need to keep in mind as we go through suffering, trials, and adversity? (1 Peter 5:9-10)

1 Peter 5:5-11 – Exhortation to all

- V.10-11 – Growing through trials
 - V. 10 – “after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you”
 - God can and does use these trials to help us grow
 - James 1:1-12 – There are benefits to trials
 - 1 Peter 1:6-7 – Trials prove the genuineness of our faith and refine us

1 Peter 5:12-15 – Final salutations

- V.12 – Silvanus, faithful brother, and deliverer of the message
 - Silas that traveled with Paul
 - Some say he might have been the one who penned the letter as well
 - The purpose of the letter – to exhort and testify that this is the true grace in which you stand

1 Peter 5:12-15 – Final salutations

- V.13 – She in Babylon and Mark greet you
 - Who is the one in Babylon?
 - Unknown, could be a well-known sister, could be the church
 - Mark – One that Peter taught and trained
 - A son in the sense that Timothy was a son to Paul
- V.14 – Greet one another and peace to you