

Living as if... 1 Peter 5

1 Peter: a letter to the church to remind, bring perspective, and encourage us.

To elders and young men—all of us.

1 Peter 5:1-4 (NIV) ¹To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ’s sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ²Be shepherds of God’s flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

Colossians 3:12-13 (NIV) ¹²Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Pride and Humility

1 Peter 5:5-7 (NIV) ⁵In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility towards one another, because, “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

John 13:34-35 (NIV) ³⁴A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

Isaiah 48:17-18 (NIV) ¹⁷This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. ¹⁸If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your well-being like the waves of the sea.

Philippians 4:4-7 (NIV) ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Mindset

1 Peter 5:8-9 (NIV) ⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

James 4:7 (NIV) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Ephesians 6:11 (NIV) Put on the armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Romans 15:5-6 (NIV) ⁵May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, ⁶so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Constant Reminder. (For myself and others.)

1 Peter 5:10-11 (NIV) ¹⁰And the God of grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV) ²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Be Encouraged!

1 Peter 5:12 (NIV) With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.

Jude 24-25 (NIV) ²⁴To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—²⁵to the only God our savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

Questions to ponder and discuss at home and in your life group:

1. What passage stands out to you?
2. What aspect of the sermon impacted you?
3. What is God showing you through this sermon or the book of 1 Peter?
4. In what way has Peter challenged you to adjust how you think and live?