



# EXILES - A Study Through 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter - Faithful Shepherds, Humble Sheep

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## SERMON TEXT // 1 Peter 5:1-7 English Standard Version

<sup>1</sup>So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: <sup>2</sup>shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; <sup>3</sup>not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. <sup>5</sup>Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." <sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup>casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

## SERMON GUIDE // 1. Faithful Shepherds (vv.1-4)

- a. A **Willing** Servant Leader (v.2a)
- b. An **Eager** Servant Leader (v.2b)
- c. An **Exemplary** Servant Leader (v.3)

## 2. Humble Sheep (vv.5-7)

- a. Submission to **Spiritual Authority** (v.5a)
- b. Submission to **One Another** (v.5b)
- c. Submission to **God** (vv.6-7)



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**Question 1** // Read **1 Peter 5:1-7**. What is something from the text that resonated with you, a truth that encouraged you, or even a question you may have surrounding the text theme?

**Question 2** // On Sunday, Bill took time to identify the Greek words for both Elder and Pastor. Elder, which is the word "presbuteros" describes a man that has maturity and experience with God. And Pastor, which is the word "poimen" describes one that is leading and feeding the flock of God. Take a moment to reflect on your journey of faith. **How have you seen the Pastors and Elders that God has put in your life (past and present) walked in these roles? How has it impacted you spiritually?**

**Question 3** // Verse five brings forth the subject of submission to pastors / elders when it says, **Be subject to the elders. Why is submission to our spiritual leaders vital for the church? Why is it sometimes difficult? What are the next steps we should take when it is difficult to honor the Lord well by submitting to the spiritual leaders over us?**

**Question 4** // In verses six and seven Peter writes, **humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you.** How do humility and not being anxious relate to each other? Do you believe humility can be a defeating force against anxiety? Can anxieties be a defeating force in our aim at humility? Take time to discuss how you would respond to someone who asked you this question: "How can I truly cast all my anxieties on Him?"

## Reflection & Prayer

Pray for the faithful shepherds that are in your life and those that have been in your life. Pastors, Elders, Campus Ministry Leaders, Community Group Leaders, Spiritual Mentors; pray for them by name and ask God to continue to bless them in their pursuit of His call on their life. Pray that God would grant us humility in whatever way He sees fit.