

# ORDER OF SERVICE

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Worship in Fellowship  
Worship in Music  
Worship in Baptism  
Worship in Message  
Worship in Advent  
Worship in Giving

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## Stand Firm In Holiness

*1 Peter 4:1-11*

*Stand Firm Series*

Life Change: We consider ourselves alive to God and dead to sin.

### Hebrew parallelism...

1:1-3:22	Self-discipline/submission Following Christ's example Suffering for righteousness
4:1-11	How to live in light of all this
4:12-5:14	Following Christ's suffering Practical submission/self-discipline Suffering for righteousness

**We live as ones finished with sin:** 1-2

Avoid the lusts which make up the sinful norm. 2-3

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– Alan Stibbs, *The First Epistle General of Peter*

### What a finished-with-sin life looks like:

Alertness for prayer 7

Constant love for each other 8

Gracious hospitality 9

Giving as God's steward 10-11a

Praise goes where it belongs 11b



# STAND FIRM

*a study of 1 Peter*

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**Parallels are how Jewish writers developed ideas. It's how they rhymed! They rhymed via repeated ideas, which helps the reader understand the meaning.**

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*Apostle Peter*

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manuscript artist

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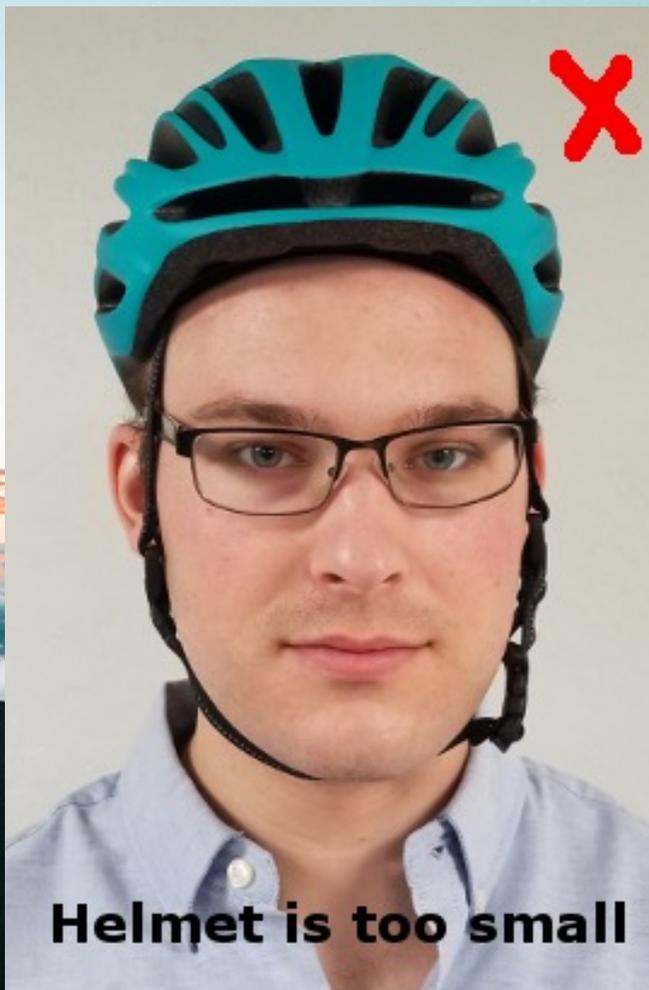
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courtesy promhju; obviously not a member of the Frisco Bible mountain bike ministry

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# 1 Peter 2

**21** You were called to this [suffering], because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. **22** He did not commit sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth; [Is 53] **23** when he was insulted, he did not insult in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten but entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. **24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree; so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness.

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courtesy phys

**party**

**This is a way to become  
burdened with a lifetime  
of regret and addiction.**



This is evil that  
ends one life and  
scars others.

~~freedom from a burden~~



courtesy LA Times

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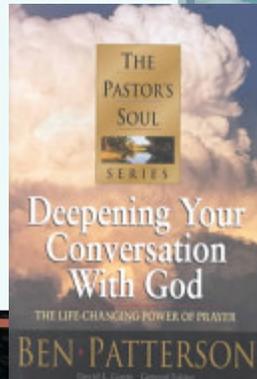
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**He was a seasoned veteran of the Christian ministry, my first boss in the church, a respected mentor, and a dear friend. I had asked him what he had to say to younger pastors like me as he approached his retirement. It was one of those what-would-you-do-if-you-had-it-to-do-over-again questions. His answer came quickly: “Don’t take it personally.”**

**“Don’t take what personally?” was my next question. He told me not to take it personally when things get tough in the church, when I am attacked or tired or depressed. Things like that go with the territory. We’re in a spiritual battle. When a soldier is shot at, he isn’t shocked. His feelings aren’t hurt. He doesn’t peer over his foxhole at his adversary and shout, “Was it something I said?” He expects it, he plans on it. That’s spiritual realism.**

**– Ben Patterson with David Goetz, *Deepening Your Conversation With God***



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**The whole reason they feel the need to slander you is that they are scared. And the reason they are scared is that you are a living conviction who won't go away. – Neil Ashcraft to WB**



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# Revelation 20

**<sup>11</sup> Then I saw a great white throne and one seated on it. Earth and heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. <sup>12</sup> I also saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged according to their works by what was written in the books. <sup>CSB</sup>**

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**They were  
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# Romans 12

**19 Friends, do not avenge yourselves;  
instead, leave room for God's wrath,  
because it is written,  
*Vengeance belongs to me;  
I will repay, [Deut. 32] says the Lord.*<sup>CSB</sup>**

**How?**



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**The best advice I could give anyone who wants to live out the reality of this passage is to pray it for yourself over and over and watch it slowly and surely become reality in your day-to-day life. – David Wade**



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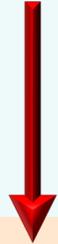
# 2 Timothy 1

<sup>7</sup> For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.<sup>NASB</sup>

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*Roman father instructs  
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**That [expecting battle] is spiritual realism. And realists that we are, we do something else. We pray...The command to pray is one of the few truly central and radical things God has called us to do in this spiritual warfare. It is central because it stands at the hub, the heart of our struggle. It's not all we are to be about, for there are many other wonderful and critical things to do in this spiritual warfare...but these great things are to prayer what the spokes of a wheel are to the hub. When the hub weakens, the rest of the wheel collapses.**

**The elders of the first church in Jerusalem understood this when they got so busy feeding widows and orphans that they weren't praying as they should (Acts 6:1–7). So they reorganized the church and delegated the feeding program to others, not because it was beneath them, but because it was so important. If prayer was crowded out of its central place in the church, so too would be the widows one day. – Ben Patterson with David Goetz, *Deepening Your Conversation With God*.**

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**perfect**



**not presentable**



**“Well, doctor, what do we do now that the sick patients are diagnosed?”**

**“Son, we practice Proverbs 10:12. We let love cover a multitude of sins.”**



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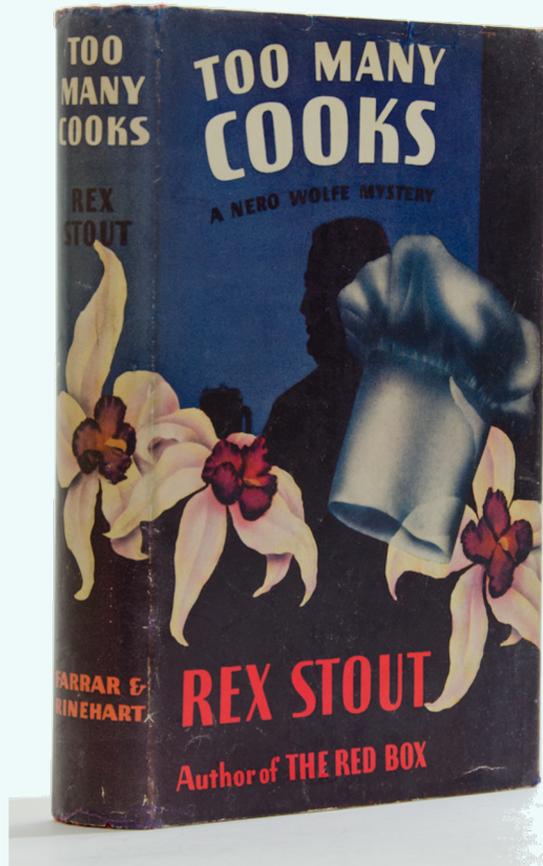
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courtesy homevacuumzone



courtesy Janna Braudrick



**A guest is a jewel on the  
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– Nero Wolfe in Rex Stout's  
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**Wayne, don't miss the object. Gifts are never meant to build up the possessor of the gift. They are for the edification of the church.  
– J. Dwight Pentecost**



**News flash: that money is God's. And He expects you to use it wisely, as a good steward. And that means you steward it according to scripture: you care for your needs, enjoy God's blessings, and build up the church and its work.**

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**Why? What is  
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