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1 Peter 5:1-5

Brief summary:

- Christ empowers us with living hope through His resurrection which motivates us to live holy lives even in suffering (1 Peter 1:1-12)
- We arm our minds to obey Christ by trusting His purposes in suffering will transform us. (1 Peter 1:13-25)
- We embrace our identity in Christ as His church, chosen to follow His example, while submitting to God with no reservations and submitting to authorities with discernment. (1 Peter 2:1-3:7)
- We strive to be like-minded and love one another as we practice Christ-like attributes. (1 Peter 3:8-22)
- We willingly live in the sufferings of Christ awaiting His imminent appearing that will bring future joy and glory. (1 Peter 4:1-19)

Timeless Truth: *God's grace flows when Christ's followers clothe themselves with humility, cooperating as leaders and followers*

HOW WE CAN THRIVE

1. We Thrive as a Church When We Model Humility (v 1)

“A fellow elder” –

Hebrews 12:5-6

“A witness of the sufferings of Christ” –

“One who shares in the glory that is to be revealed” –

Where is the Lord convicting you to grow in modeling humility?

2. We Thrive as a Church When We Submit Out of Humility (vv 2-5a)

“shepherd” -

- 1) **Know** their sheep
- 2) **Lead** their sheep
- 3) **Feed** their sheep
- 4) **Protect** their sheep
- 5) **Care** for their sheep

“among you” -

2 Aspects for Elders

1. **Motive** (v.2) - must be from a heart that is willing to humbly follow God’s will to sacrificially serve as a shepherd of God’s flock (Titus 1:6-9)

2. **Manner** (v.3) - the outward behavior from an inward motivation

Why does the motive and manner matter for men who serve as elders? (v.4) (1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Timothy 5:17-22; James 3:1)

“younger” -

3. We Thrive as a Church When We Clothe Ourselves with Humility (v 5b)

“to clothe” -

John 13:4-15

Philippians 2:3-4

Why should we clothe ourselves with humility? (Proverbs 3:34)