



STANDING FIRM
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

HOPE AS EXILES

1 PETER



1 Peter 5:1-14

¹So 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: ²shepherd 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; ³not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

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⁵Likewise, 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.” ⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:1-14

⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:1-14

¹²By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. ¹³She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. ¹⁴Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

“He is not an armchair pastor or a heady author dispensing theoretical advice; he is a well-seasoned, veteran shepherd elder.”

Alexander Strauch

“The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task.”

1st Timothy 3:1

“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,” and, “The laborer deserves his wages.”

1st Timothy 5:17-18

“And in their greed they will exploit you with false words...”

2nd Peter 2:3

“Shame enters when money becomes the motive.”

Edmund Clowney

“When we reflect on the history of the Church, are we not bound to confess that she has failed to follow the example of her Founder? All too often she has worn the robes of the ruler, not the apron of the servant.”

Michael Green

“And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:42-44

“The elder-shepherd is not a cowboy, driving his flock like cattle. He leads them as a shepherd would, walking on ahead.”

Edmund Clowney

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.”

Hebrews 13:17

“The grace God gives to the humble is not saving grace in this context but refers to the sanctifying and empowering presence of the Spirit. This grace is God’s special kindness, his extraordinary blessing, his unique empowerment and enabling presence showered on those who are not already full of their own self-worth.”

Sam Storms

“Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.”

Psalm 55:22

“The roaring of the devil is the crazed anger of a defeated enemy, and if they do not fear his ferocious bark, they will never be consumed by his bite.”

Tom Schreiner

“Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”

Revelation 2:10

“The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all who know the truth,”

2nd John 1

“Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.”

1st Peter 1:8-9