



STANDING FIRM
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

HOPE AS EXILES

1 PETER

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[WEEK FOURTEEN]

STAND FIRM,
GLORY IS COMING

HOPE AS EXILES

1 Peter 5:6–14

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰ And 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. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.



1 Peter 5:6–14

¹² By 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. ¹³ She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. ¹⁴ Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.



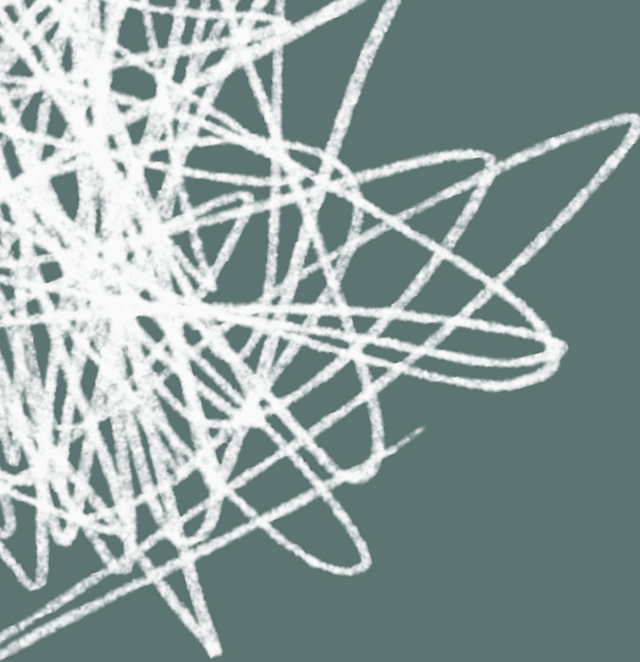
Know Your Enemy

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1 Peter 5:8







“There are two equal opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.”

C.S. LEWIS



Know Your Enemy

WHAT SATAN IS:

1. The father of lies
2. The deceiver (appears as angel of light)
3. The accuser of God's people

John 8:44

2 Corinthians 11:3, 14

Revelation 12:10



Know Your Enemy

WHAT SATAN IS NOT:

1. Omnipresent (all-present)
2. Omnipotent (all-powerful)
3. Omniscient (all-knowing)



If you were the devil, how would you... hunt you?



Stand Firm

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1 Peter 5:9, 12



Stand Firm

Submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

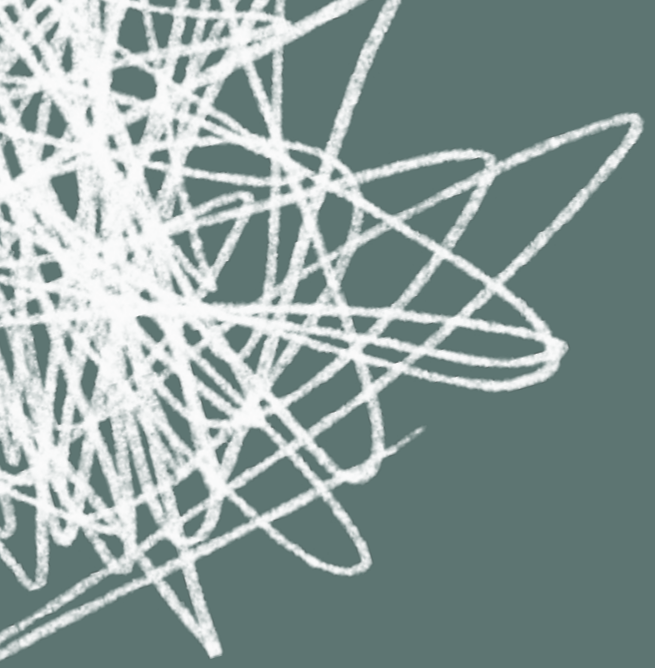


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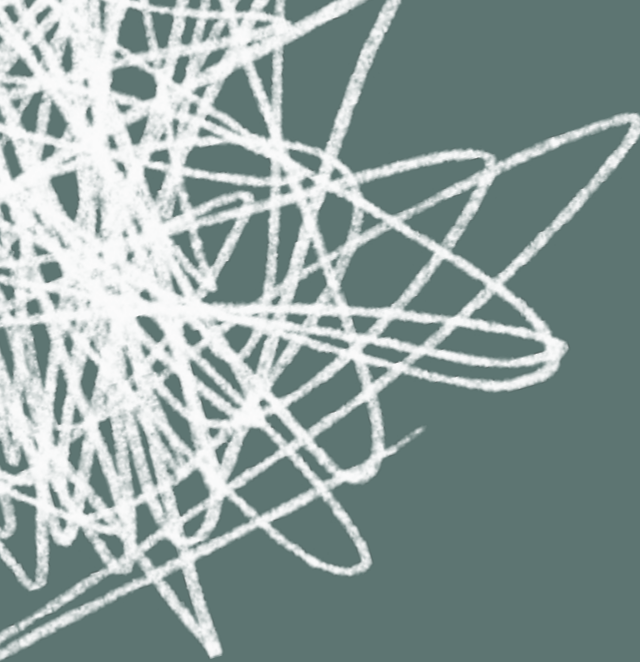
1 Peter 5:12





When the devil accuses us and says, ‘You are a sinner and therefore damned,’ we should answer, ... ‘No, for I fly to Christ, who gave himself for my sins. Satan, you will not prevail against me when you try to terrify me by setting forth the greatness of my sins and try to bring me into heaviness, distrust, despair, hatred, contempt and blasphemy against God.’





On the contrary, when you say I am a sinner, you give me armour and weapons against yourself, so that with your own sword I may cut your throat and tread you under my feet, for Christ died for sinners. . . . As often as you object that I am a sinner, so often you remind me of the benefit of Christ my Redeemer, on whose shoulders, and not on mine, lie all my sins. So when you say I am a sinner, you do not terrify me but comfort me immeasurably.

MARTIN LUTHER



Eternal Glory is Coming

¹⁰ And 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. ¹¹ To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 5:10–11



Eternal Glory is Coming

¹⁷ For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:17–18

