

A LIVING HOPE
1 PETER SERMON SERIES

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1 Peter 5:1-5 // 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: ² 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; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock. ⁴ And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. ⁵ 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.”

A Gospel-Shaped Church

1 Peter 5:1-5

How does the gospel shape the relational life of the church?

I. The calling of leaders

- A. Willing, not forced (v. 2a)
- B. Give, not get (v. 2b)
- C. Out front, not top down (v. 3)

II. The understanding of authority

- A. From the perspective of the leader (v. 4)
- B. From the perspective of the one being led (v. 4)

III. The attitude toward others

- A. The empowerment of humility (v. 1)
- B. The expression of humility (v. 5)

APPLICATION GUIDE

1. Which of the descriptions of shepherding in verses 2-3 are most difficult or challenging for you? How do these differ from a worldly definition of leadership?
2. As a shepherding leader, what is the evidence that you have stepped into functional savior mode and failed to acknowledge Christ as the chief Shepherd?
3. How have you been wounded by authority? How does this passage paint a healthy picture of authority as God has designed it?
4. In what ways are you prideful? What is the evidence of your pride? Practically, what does it look like for you to cloth yourself with humility towards others?