

Pastor Keith Krell | December 5, 2021

1 Peter 5:1-5a | “A Few Good Men”

Sermon Application Review from 1 Peter 4:12–19

How did you rejoice amidst personal suffering this past week (4:13)?

How did you boldly glory in being a Christian (4:16)?

In what specific way did you entrust yourself to your faithful Creator (4:19)?

Scripture References

1 Peter 5:1–5a

Ezekiel 34

1 Timothy 3:1–7

Titus 1:6–9

1 Timothy 5:17–25

Acts 6:1–7; 20:17, 28

Titus 2:1–2, 6–8

Study Questions

1. What can you learn from the way Peter approaches elders in 1 Peter 5:1? Why can it be helpful to develop rapport before issuing a command? How can you approach the people in your life with encouragement? Read Hebrews 3:12-13 and 1 Thessalonians 5:14.
2. Are you an effective shepherd (1 Peter 5:2a)? In what area of shepherding do you excel (e.g., feeding, leading, protecting, praying, encouraging, counseling, discipling)? In what area can you improve? Are you someone that people want to follow? Why or why not? In what way do you need change your attitude or conduct?
3. What is wrong with the common practice in churches of “twisting a person’s arm” to get her or him to serve as a church leader (1 Peter 5:2b)? What damage does this do to the church? What kind of leader does it produce? How should CBC recruit elders, leaders, and other volunteers?
4. How can CBC best keep elders and pastors from being power mongers (1 Peter 5:3)? What is the danger in limiting an elder’s authority? How can CBC deal with this tension properly? How does this passage move you to pray for your leaders?
5. How can young men (and the body as a whole) submit to its elders (1 Peter 5:5a)? How do you think CBC members can make it easier for elders and leaders to do their jobs? Read Hebrews 13:17. What is one way you could express support for your elders and ministry leaders?

Recommended Reading

Peter A. Lillback, *Saint Peter’s Principles* (P&R, 2019)

Alexander Strauch, *Biblical Eldership* (Lewis and Roth, 1995)

Gene Getz, *Elders and Leaders* by Gene Getz (Moody, 2003)

Gene Getz, *The Measure of a Man* (Regal, 1974)

Denise George, *What Women Wish Pastors Knew* (Zondervan, 2007)