

SUFFERING FROM OUR SHEPHERD'S PERSPECTIVE

1 Peter 5:6-11 (CSB)

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷ casting all your cares on him, because he cares about you. ⁸ Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same kind of sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world. ¹⁰ The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little while. ¹¹ To him be dominion forever. Amen.

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1. Our POSTURE under God's mighty hand is our PROVISION. (vs. 6-7)

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When all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized. As he was praying, heaven opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in a physical appearance like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased."

Luke 3:21-22 (CSB)

Adopt the same attitude as that of Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, existing in the form of God, did not consider equality with God as something to be exploited. ⁷ Instead he emptied himself by assuming the form of a servant, taking on the likeness of humanity. And when he had come as a man, ⁸ he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death— even to death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-8 (CSB)

2. RELIANCE under enemy attack is our PRIORITY. (vs. 8-9)

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1 Peter 5:8-9 (CSB)

3. God's GRACE after suffering provides POWER. (vs. 10-11)

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Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news spread about Him throughout the entire vicinity. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, being praised by everyone.

Luke 4:14-15 (CSB)

“For I know the plans I have for you”— this is the Lord’s declaration — “plans for your well-being, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11 (CSB)