

1 Peter 5:8-11 – "Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 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. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen."

I. Victory Involves Us Being Proactive (8-9)

- **(8a) – "Be sober-minded; be watchful."**
- **(8b-9a) – "Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9a Resist him, firm in your faith..."**
- **(9b) – "...knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world."**

II. Victory Requires Us to Lean Hard Upon God (10a)

- **(10a) – "And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ..."**

"Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." - Romans 5:3-5

"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." - Romans 8:18

III. Victory Calls Us to Look for The Breakthrough (10b-11)

- **(10b-11) – "...will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To Him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen."**

The question - "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?" - Romans 8:35

The answer - "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 8:37-39

The confidence - "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose." - Romans 8:28