



# 1 PETER

**Sermon Title: Shepards and Lions**

**Scripture: 1 Peter 5 (LSB)**

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**Review:**

**1 Peter 5:1-5 (LSB)**

*1 Therefore, I exhort the elders among you, as [your] fellow elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ, and a partaker also of the glory that is to be revealed, 2 shepherd the flock of God among you, overseeing not under compulsion, but willingly, according to God; and not for dishonest gain, but with eagerness; 3 nor yet as lording it over those allotted to you, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. 5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to [your] elders. And all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE*

**Humility is necessary to experience the grace of God in your life.**

**James 4:6-10 (LSB)**

*6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore [it] says, "GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE." 7 Be subject therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be miserable and mourn and cry. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.*

**Luke 14:11 (LSB)**

*11 "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

**A warning to shepards (spiritual)**

**An exhortation to the younger.**

**An exhortation to all.**

**1 Peter 5:6-7 (LSB)**

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7 CASTING ALL YOUR ANXIETY ON HIM, because He cares for you.

Will we trust Him before it is at a crisis point.

**John 16:33 (LSB)**

*33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."*

**Philippians 4:6-7 (LSB)**

*6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and petition with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

**1 Peter 5:8-11 (LSB)**

8 Be of sober [spirit], be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 But resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished among your brethren who are in the world. 10 And after you

have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, strengthen, confirm, [and] ground you. 11 To Him [be] might forever and ever. Amen.

**The Lion has already been defeated.**

***Hebrews 2:14 (LSB)***

*14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,*

**The Enemy:**

**A Warning:**

**The Promise:**

### **1 Peter 5:12-14 (LSB)**

12 Through Silvanus, our faithful brother as I regard [him], I have written to you briefly, exhorting and bearing witness that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it! 13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, and [so does] my son, Mark. 14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to you all who are in Christ.

### **Application:**

- 1. Follow Christ**
- 2. Consume the Word**
- 3. Reject the things of this world that numb us.**
- 4. Rest in Christ**

### **Matthew 11:28-30 (LSB)**

28 "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS. 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

### **John 10:1-18 (LSB)**

1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber. 2 "But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. 3 "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 "When he brings all his own out, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 "A stranger they will never follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 This figure of speech Jesus spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which He had been saying to them. 7 So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 "All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. 9 "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have [it] abundantly. 11 "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. 12 "He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees--and the wolf snatches and scatters them-- 13 because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep. 14 "I am the good shepherd, and I know My own and My own know Me, 15 even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. 16 "And I have other sheep, which are not from this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear My voice; and they will become one flock [with] one shepherd. 17 "For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life so that I may take it again. 18 "No one takes it away from Me, but from Myself, I lay it down. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

### **Reflection Questions:**

How does understanding Jesus as the Good Shepherd impact your personal faith and trust in Him?

In what ways can you discern the voice of Jesus in your daily life?

How do you respond to the idea that Jesus knows you intimately, as described in verse 14?

How can the concept of Jesus laying down His life for the sheep influence your understanding of sacrifice and love?

What are the modern-day “thieves” or “strangers” that might try to lead you away from following Jesus? How can you stay vigilant?

**Application Questions:**

How can you apply the principles of Jesus being the Good Shepherd in your relationships with others?

What steps can you take to better recognize and follow the voice of Jesus in your decision-making?

How can you actively participate in bringing the “other sheep” into the fold, as mentioned in verse 16?

In what practical ways can you demonstrate the same kind of sacrificial love that Jesus showed?

How can your understanding of Jesus’ authority over life and death shape your perspective on challenges and trials?