



First Peter Temporary Residents in a Foreign Land

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“To the Elders and the Flock & Final Greetings”

1 Peter 5:1-14

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Theme: Returning to the topic of the Christian community’s care for each other (cf. 1:22-25; 4:7-11), Peter emphasizes the ways leaders and followers are to seek not status but service. He concludes the letter with final exhortations to his audience about putting themselves in God’s care and staying alert to temptation.

Outline:

1. Living Humbly Together as Leaders and Followers (5:1-5)

- a. Elders to serve (1:1-4)
- b. Followers (younger ones) to submit (1:5a)
- c. All to be humble (1:5b)

2. Final Exhortations (5:6-10)

- a. In your relationship with God (5:6-7)
- b. In relation to the true adversary (5:8-9a)
- c. In relationship with other believers (5:9b)

3. Final Words (5:11-14)

- a. Final blessing (5:10-11)
- b. About the writing of the letter (5:12)
- c. Greetings (5:13-14)

Takeaway: *Standing firm in the faith involves a trusting and humble stance before God and a wide-awake stance toward the wiles of the enemy. Believers are joined together in the common cause of the faith and are to serve and care for one another in counter-cultural ways.*

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