

Standing Firm Against The Enemy
1 Peter 5:8-10

A. THE INTRODUCTION TO 1 PETER (1:1)

4. The *theme* of this Letter centers around SUFFERING for Christ as it relates to...
- a. SALVATION. (1:1–12)
 - b. SANCTIFICATION. (1:13–2:10)
 - c. SUBMISSION. (2:11–3:22)
 - d. SERVING. (4:1–5:7)
 - e. STEADFASTNESS. (5:8–14)
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SERVING:

- I. **Readiness in Mind (1 Peter 4:1-6)**
- II. **Readiness in Ministry (1 Peter 4:7-11)**
- III. **Readiness in Suffering (1 Peter 4:12-19)**
- IV. **Readiness in Leadership (1 Peter 5:1-4)**
- V. **Readiness in Humility (1 Peter 5:5-7)**

A. Humility Practiced — Within the Church (1 Peter 5:5)

- 1. Humility is practiced through _____ to God-ordained leadership.
- 2. Humility is expressed through _____ within the body.
- 3. The contrast is clear, _____ meets resistance, _____ receives grace.

B. Humility Anchored — Under God's Hand (1 Peter 5:6)

- 1. Humility is a deliberate _____, not a forced _____.
- 2. God exalts the humble in His _____, not ours.

C. Humility Expressed — Through Trusting Prayer (1 Peter 5:7)

- 1. Humility is expressed by releasing _____ to God through trusting prayer.
- 2. Trust replaces _____ as believers actively transfer their burdens to a faithful, caring God.
- 3. God's care is _____—He is not distant; He cares for you individually and relationally.

STEADFASTNESS:

I. Readiness in Watchfulness (1 Peter 5:8)

A. Spiritual Alertness Commanded

1. Believers are called to be _____—clear-headed and spiritually focused.
2. Believers are called to be _____—watchful, alert, and ready.

B. Spiritual Danger Identified

1. Believers face a _____, hostile _____ who is constantly on the move.
2. The devil's goal is not to distract you—he seeks to _____ you.

* Satan is a powerful adversary, but...:

- 1) He is not _____—his power is limited.
- 2) He is not _____—he does not know everything.
- 3) He is not _____—he is not everywhere.
- 4) He is not _____—he operates under God's authority.

II. Readiness in Resistance (1 Peter 5:9a)

A. Resistance Required

1. Resistance is _____—not optional.

B. Resistance Rooted in Truth

1. Faith is the steady _____ of resistance.

III. Readiness in Perspective (1 Peter 5:9b-10)

A. Shared Suffering Remembered

1. Resistance is strengthened by knowing the truth—your suffering is not _____.
2. Your trials are _____ and _____ among believers worldwide.

B. Future Glory Assured

1. The God of _____ grace—not some grace—has _____ us.
2. The suffering is _____, but _____—in light of eternity.

C. Divine Strength Promised

1. God's promise of restoration is _____ and comprehensive.

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2. Perfect — God _____ what is lacking.
3. Establish — God _____ what is unsteady.
4. Strengthen — God _____ what is weak.
5. Settle — God _____ what is shaken.

* Commentary Summaries (v8-10)

- o God _____ His people fully, personally, and certainly.

STEADFASTNESS – Final Message:

IV. Readiness in Confidence (1 Peter 5:11)

V. Readiness in Fellowship (1 Peter 5:12-14)

* How Does This Apply To You?

UNSAVED - readiness in steadfastness... (5:8-10)

1. You have a real _____ you cannot overcome on your own.
2. Your greatest need is not strength, but _____.
3. God's promise of restoration is only found _____ – _____ and be saved.

SAVED - readiness in steadfastness ... (5:8-10)

1. Stay _____—your adversary is real and active.
2. Stand _____—resist in the faith, not in your own strength.
3. Rest _____—God is restoring and strengthening you.

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